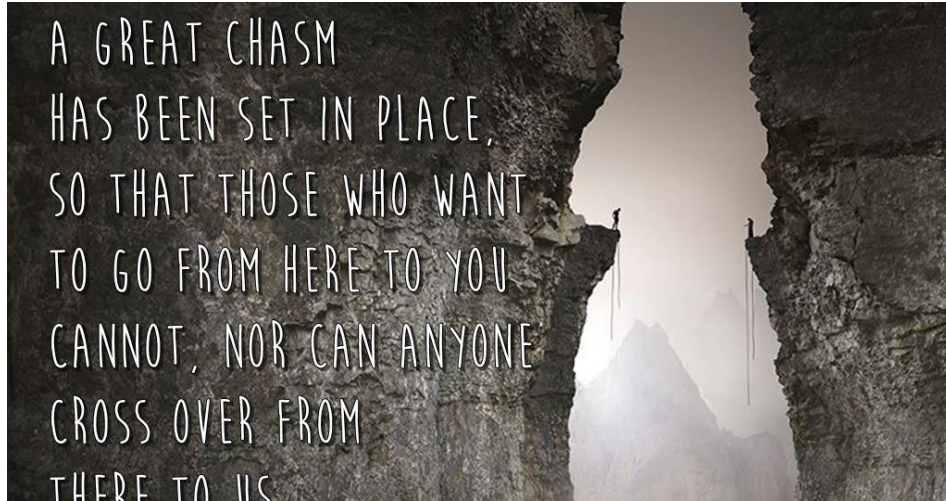


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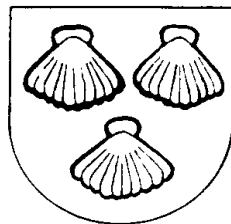


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WE GATHER

Prelude

“Prelude on an English Melody “The Turtle Dove”

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Introit

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Handbell Choir

Douglas E. Wagner
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Call to Worship

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ONE: When we are lost and uncertain,

God provides prophets and storytellers to guide us toward the truth.

When we are in need of rescue,

God provides refuge and shelter during our darkest days.

When we are looking, seeking, and hoping,

God provides open arms to welcome us with love and faithfulness.

Come! Let us worship.

Opening Prayer

Antuan Hairston

Loving God, our rock and foundation, we thank you for the opportunity to gather in your holy name. May this be a time when we remember your faithfulness. You give us hope when despair creeps into our lives. You carve out a path when we lack direction. You send family members, friends, and even strangers when we need reminders of your promise. And you send Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, to show us how to live in your ways. May we open our hearts to receive all that you provide. Amen

Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Opening Hymn

“God Hath Spoken by the Prophets”

UMH 108

1. God hath spoken by the prophets
Spoken the unchanging Word
Each from age to age proclaiming
God the One the righteous Lord
‘Mid the world's despair and turmoil
One firm anchor holdeth fast
God eternal reigns forever
God the first and God the last

2. God hath spoken by Christ Jesus
Christ the everlasting Son
Brightness of the Father's glory
With the Father ever one
Spoken by the Word incarnate
God of God ere time was born
Light of Light to earth descending
Christ as God in human form

3. God yet speaketh by the Spirit
Speaketh to our hearts again
In the agelong Word expounding
God's own message now as then
Thru the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast
God abides the Word unchanging
God the first and God the last

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Children's Moment

Eddie Candee

Scripture

Luke 16:19-31 (CEB)

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¹⁹ “There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. ²⁰ At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. ²¹ Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man’s table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores.

²² “The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ He shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I’m suffering in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain. ²⁶ Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.’

²⁷ “The rich man said, ‘Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father’s house. ²⁸ I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don’t come to this place of agony.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.’ ³⁰ The rich man said, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.’ ³¹ Abraham said, ‘If they don’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’”

Anthem

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Handbell Choir

Anonymous
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Message

“CROSSED!”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Response to the Word (1 Tim 6)

May the words we have heard spoken take root in our lives, that we “may take hold of the life that really is life”— a life led by Christ and nourished by God’s amazing love.

(moment of silence)

ALL: God, you are the stronghold of our lives.

When life takes us to places we never imagined, you provide hope and bring us back to you.

Forgive the times when we abandon your ways.

Forgive our failure to see your presence in our lives.

**Forgive us when we hurt ourselves and one another.
Forgive our fear of those who are different.
Forgive our failure to care for one another.
Gracious God, forgive us and heal us.
Help us return to your open and loving arms, trusting you as the Lord of our lives.
In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

Prayers for God's People, Church & World

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Antuan Hairston

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

Handbell Choir

Irish Folk Melody
Piano arrangement by Fred Bock
Handbell arrangement by Kevin McChesney
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Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God All creatures here below
Alleluia alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

UMH 413

1. A charge to keep I have
A God to glorify
A never dying soul to save
And fit it for the sky

2. To serve the present age
My calling to fulfill
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will

3. Arm me with jealous care
As in Thy sight to live
And oh Thy servant Lord prepare
A strict account to give

4. Help me to watch and pray
and on thyself rely
Assured if I my trust betray
I shall forever die

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Benediction

Postlude

“William Mathias (An Album of Postludes)”

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Questions for Reflection

*Like the prophet Amos, Jesus has harsh words for those who live in luxury and ignore the needs of the poor. The epistle reading warns that “the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil” (1 Tim. 6:10).
What is an appropriate Christian attitude toward wealth?
How are we called to treat those who are poor?*

Household Prayer: Morning

*My God, out of the darkness
that stalks the night
you bring the light of morning.
Let my love for you
not waste at noonday,
but burn until evening again. Amen..*

Household Prayer: Evening

*My God, Most High,
day is done.
I rest in your shelter,
abide in your shadow,
trust in you. Amen.*

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