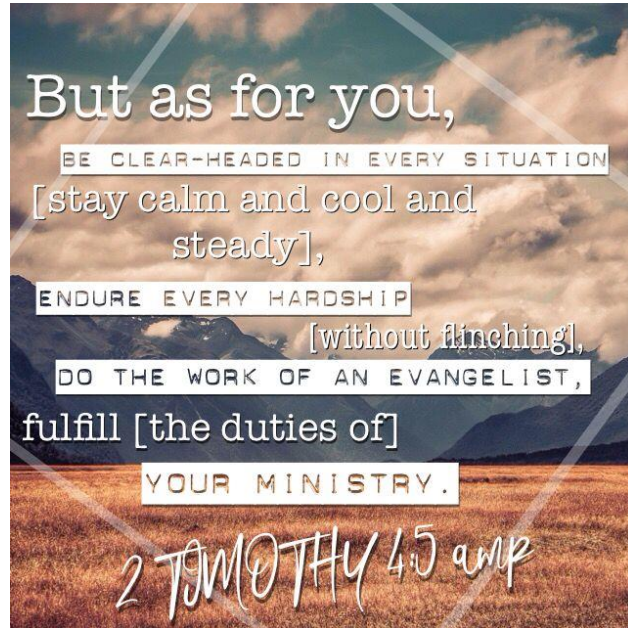


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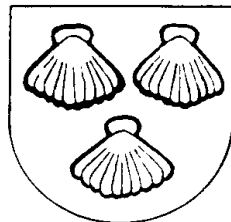


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“ALL Are Laity!”

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WE GATHER

Prelude "Choral Song" Samuel Sebastian Wesley *Offered by Clarice Snyder*
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Welcome *Debra Bostron, CLS*

Introit "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" *Handbell Choir*

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Call to Worship *Antuan Hairston*

ONE: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

God's blessings are sweeter than honey.

God keeps our feet from wandering down wrong paths.

God's precepts make us wiser than those who are accounted wise.

Let us worship the one who guides our lives.

Let us worship the one who leads us into life.

Opening Prayer *Antuan Hairston*

God of discernment and truth, be with us in our time of worship.

Open our minds to receive your wisdom. Open our hearts to accept your love.

Open our spirits to embrace your ways. Be present with us as we seek your guidance, that we may follow in your wisdom and truth. Amen.

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

***Opening Hymn** "O Word of God Incarnate" *UMH 598*

1. O Word of God incarnate
O wisdom from on high
O truth unchanged unchanging
O light of our dark sky
We praise you for the radiance
That from the hallowed page
A lantern to our footsteps
Shines on from age to age

2. The church from you our Savior
Received the gift divine
And still that light is lifted
O'er all the earth to shine
It is the sacred vessel
Where gems of truth are stored
It is the heaven-drawn picture
Of Christ the living Word

3. The Scripture is a banner
Before God's host unfurled
It is a shining beacon
Above the darkling world
It is the chart and compass
That o'er life's surging tide
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
To you O Christ will guide

4. O make your church dear Savior
A lamp of purest gold
To bear before the nations
Your true light as of old
O teach your wandering pilgrims
By this their path to trace
Till clouds and darkness ended
They see you face to face

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*Please stand as able

A pilgrimage song.

1 I raise my eyes toward the mountains.

Where will my help come from?

2 My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 God won't let your foot slip.

Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.

4 No! Israel's protector
never sleeps or rests!

5 The LORD is your protector;
the LORD is your shade right beside you.

6 The sun won't strike you during the day;
neither will the moon at night.

7 The LORD will protect you from all evil;
God will protect your very life.

8 The LORD will protect you on your journeys—
whether going or coming—
from now until forever from now.

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (CEB)

¹⁴ But you must continue with the things you have learned and found convincing. You know who taught you.

¹⁵ Since childhood you have known the holy scriptures that help you to be wise in a way that leads to salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, ¹⁷ so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good.

4 I'm giving you this commission in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is coming to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearance and his kingdom. ² Preach the word. Be ready to do it whether it is convenient or inconvenient. Correct, confront, and encourage with patience and instruction. ³ There will come a time when people will not tolerate sound teaching. They will collect teachers who say what they want to hear because they are self-centered. ⁴ They will turn their back on the truth and turn to myths. ⁵ But you must keep control of yourself in all circumstances. Endure suffering, do the work of a preacher of the good news, and carry out your service fully.

Anthem

Calypso on "He Leadeth Me"

Handbell Choir

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Message

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Prayers for God's People, Church & World

Antuan Hairston

Lord's Prayer

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Offertory

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

Handbell Choir

Sir Arthur Sullivan
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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**

“Forward Through the Ages”

UMH 555

1. Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure,
hearts of one accord,
manifold the service,
one the sure reward.

Refrain

Forward through the ages
in unbroken line
Move the faithful spirits
At the call divine

2. Wider grows the kingdom,
reign of love and light;
for it we must labor,
till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it,
martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory,
heroes for it died.

3. Not alone we conquer
Not alone we fall
In each loss or triumph
Lose or triumph all
Bound by God’s far purpose
In one living whole
Move we on together
To the shining goal

Refrain

Refrain

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***Benediction**

Postlude

“Fantasia” Johann Pachelbel

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Questions for Reflection

We are to pray and to be persistent in the life of faith on behalf of the justice God intends.

The Spirit is at work, earnestly, unrelentingly encouraging us to pray.

What causes you to lose hope in your own prayer life?

What might the Spirit be urging you to pray and work for on behalf of someone else?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of justice, you are at work this very day on behalf of those who are poor, marginalized, and disregarded. Fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit so that I can begin this day praying earnestly for someone who faces injustice.

Help me to see and to act upon an opportunity to participate in your love and justice.

Give me the eyes and ears of faith as I go about my daily routines,

walk the paths and hallways of my daily life, and attend to news local and global.

Then, seeing and hearing through the light of Christ,

encourage me relentlessly to pray and work without losing heart.

I ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of mercy, I come to you now with my energy running low as the lights of the evening.

Like stars in the darkness, I send out my prayers for justice to you.

May this small effort of mine send a ray of hope, to someone facing the darkness of trial or terror tonight.

I know how strong evil and injustice still are in this world, yet I know you are stronger than even the worst we can do.

So, I do not lose heart; rather, my heart rests in gratitude to you: for the gift of life,

for the comforts of faith and those who are family to me, and for the hope you have given us all in Christ's rising from the dead.

I pray this night for peace among all people, in the name of him who came to bring peace unlike any the world can give, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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