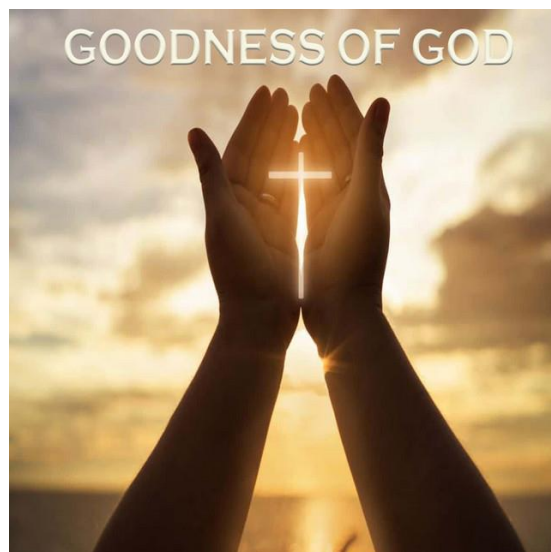


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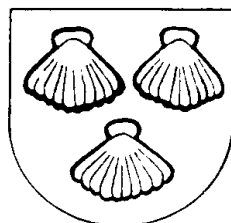
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June 18, 2023
10:00 am
“The Goodness of God”

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Prayer of Confession

The mystery of God brings the promise of life, but we doubt the Spirit's power to overcome death. The resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son, reveals that nothing is impossible with God. Our Lord and our God, in the name of Jesus, we come, today, confessing our sin before you. It is what it is.

**You see it (sin) for what it is.
Forgive us this day we pray.**

Like Sarah, God, we've doubted you, disbelieving that all things are possible with you.
It is what it is, God.

**You see it (sin) for what it is.
Forgive us this day we pray.**

Like Sarah, God, we've laughed at you,
Thinking that your miracles have little chance of lifting our hopes.
It is what it is, God.

**You see it (sin) for what it is.
Forgive us this day, we pray.**

Like Sarah, God, we've lied to you, O God.
Lied to you, lied to our loved ones, lied to co-workers, church members, and strangers.
Yes, we've denied truth, even while we are standing face to face with your truth.
It is what it is, God.

**You see it (sin) for what it is.
Forgive us this day, we pray.**

And help us to know day after day that nothing is too hard for you, Lord.
Fixing our broken relationships is not too hard.
Finding a good paying job is not too hard.
Filling an empty heart is not too hard, God.
All things are possible for you.
And, we thank you that at this appointed time you forgive us.
It is what it is, but it doesn't have to stay that way.

**Thank you for making a way out of no way.
In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.**

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

Opening Hymn

"God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us"

UMH 100

1. God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true;
hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you:
Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.
2. Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold;
mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold:
Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.

3. Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman, too;
Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you.
Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.

4. Covenant, new again in Jesus, Star-child born to set us free;
sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be.
Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!

5. Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring;
live we then in human choices lives that, like our music sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

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Children's Message

Edie Candee

Scripture

Matthew 9: 35 -10:23 (CEB)

Barbara Cook

³⁵ Jesus traveled among all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, announcing the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. ³⁸ Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest."

¹⁰ He called his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to throw them out and to heal every disease and every sickness. ² Here are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee; and John his brother; ³ Philip; and Bartholomew; Thomas; and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus; and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean;^[a] and Judas, who betrayed Jesus.

⁵ Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, "Don't go among the Gentiles or into a Samaritan city. ⁶ Go instead to the lost sheep, the people of Israel. ⁷ As you go, make this announcement: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with skin diseases, and throw out demons. You received without having to pay. Therefore, give without demanding payment. ⁹ Workers deserve to be fed, so don't gather gold or silver or copper coins for your money belts to take on your trips. ¹⁰ Don't take a backpack for the road or two shirts or sandals or a walking stick. ¹¹ Whatever city or village you go into, find somebody in it who is worthy and stay there until you go on your way. ¹² When you go into a house, say, 'Peace!' ¹³ If the house is worthy, give it your blessing of peace. But if the house isn't worthy, take back your blessing. ¹⁴ If anyone refuses to welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet as you leave that house or city. ¹⁵ I assure you that it will be more bearable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on Judgment Day than it will be for that city.

¹⁶ "Look, I'm sending you as sheep among wolves. Therefore, be wise as snakes and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Watch out for people—because they will hand you over to councils and they will beat you in their synagogues. ¹⁸ They will haul you in front of governors and even kings because of me so that you may give your testimony to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ Whenever they hand you over, don't worry about how to speak or what you will say, because what you can say will be given to you at that moment. ²⁰ You aren't doing the talking, but the Spirit of my Father is doing the talking through you. ²¹ Brothers and sisters will hand each other over to be executed. A father will turn his child in. Children will defy their parents and have them

executed. ²² Everyone will hate you on account of my name. But whoever stands firm until the end will be saved. ²³ Whenever they harass you in one city, escape to the next, because I assure that you will not go through all the cities of Israel before the Human One^[b] comes.

Hymn

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

UMH 141

1. Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given

2. God his own doth tend and nourish
In his holy courts they flourish
From all evil things he spares them
In his mighty arms he bears them

3. Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever
Unto them His grace He showeth
And their sorrows all He knoweth

4. Though he giveth or he taketh
God his children ne'er forsaketh
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy

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Message

“The Goodness of God”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prayer for God's People, Church, & World

Barbara Cook

Lord's Prayer

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*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

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Offering Prayer

*Closing Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH 77

1. O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed

Refrain

Then sings my soul my Savior God to thee
How great thou art how great thou art
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2. When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

Refrain

3. And when I think that God
His Son not sparing
Sent him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Refrain

4. When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

Refrain

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Benediction

Postlude

“His Eye is on the Sparrow” Charles H. Gabriel, arr. Cindy Barry

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Questions for Reflection

How is God’s presence experienced in a Christian’s life?

Household Prayer: MORNING

Holy Presence, let me be with you today. Awaken my senses to the wonders of your creation, and fill me with compassion for every person I meet. Protect me from those who would hurt me; make me watchful so that I do not harm anyone. Fill my inward being with the love of Christ, and inasmuch as it is possible, let others know your presence through me. In this way let me glorify you, Holy One, Holy Three. Amen.

Household Prayer: EVENING

Maker of day and night, creator of sun, moon, and all planets and stars, thank you for your protection during the hours I have passed in your light. Guard me, I pray, through the coming dark. As I settle into sleep, recall to my mind each blessing you gave me while I was awake so that I can rejoice in your goodness. Grant me peace, rest, and renewal as I close my eyes in your presence. Watch over me while I am helpless in the world. If it is your will to speak to me in dreams while my mind is quieted and still, grant that I may be attentive to your Word and guided by your Spirit when I awake to a new day. Let me arise and join my voice with all the faithful in giving you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ, the Light. Amen.

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