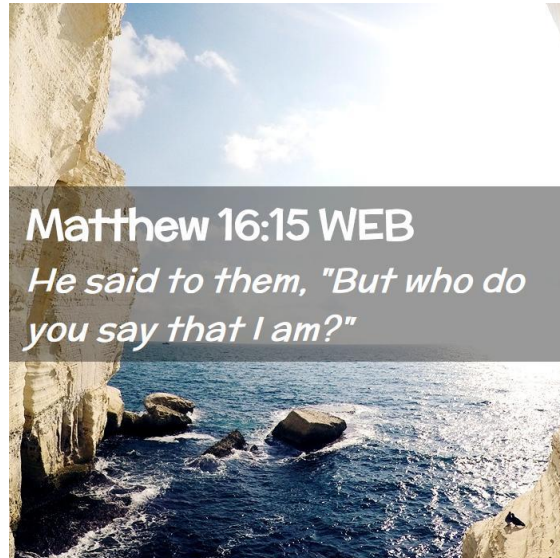


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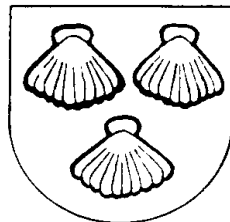
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August 27, 2023
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"Who Do You Say?"

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Gathering Song

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

UMH 334

Verse 1

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord
There are sweet expressions on each face
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

Chorus

Sweet Holy Spirit
Sweet heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us
Filling us with your love
And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place

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Call to Worship

Antuan Hairston

Family of God, as we gather today, Jesus asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are our Messiah, the Son of the living God!

Family of God, as we gather today, the Holy Spirit asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are our Comforter, Advocate, and Sustainer!

Family of God, as we gather today, God the Father asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are our Creator, Provider, and Healer!

Family of God, as we gather today, the Triune God asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are Love that creates, saves, and enfolds us into the family of God!

May we be instruments of Love in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.

Prayer for the Day

Antuan Hairston

Merciful God, we thank you for gathering us in your grace and love this day.

Bless us with compassion and understanding, that we may be people of forgiveness and acceptance. Strengthen us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may be unified in mercy and grace for all. In Christ's mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Antuan Hairston

We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost, and wonder why we cannot find you. We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless. We sit at the head tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place.

**In forgiving us, God of new life, you would transform our cold hearts into those melted in service to others.
In granting us mercy, you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored.
In gifting us with grace, you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks.**

Assurance of Pardon (Rom 11)

Antuan Hairston

It's not money, but our generosity with it;
it is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves;
it is not our efforts, but Christ's gift,
which transforms us into God's children.

**It is more than just how we think.
In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits
are transfigured and made new.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

Let us STAND in body or spirit and Welcome one another in friendship and peace. AND pass a “wave” of peace to the people worshipping at home!

***Hymn**

“The Church of Christ, In Every Age”

UMH 589

1. The church of Christ in every age
Beset by change but Spirit led
Must claim and test its heritage
And keep on rising from the dead

2. Across the world across the street
The victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat
And never live until they die

3. Then let the servant church arise
A caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice
And clothed in Christ's humanity

4. For he alone whose blood was shed
Can cure the fever in our blood
And teach is how to share our bread
And feed the starving multitude

5. We have no mission but to serve
In full obedience to our Lord
To care for all without reserve
And spread his liberating word

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Scripture

Romans 12:1-8 (CEB)

Antuan Hairston

So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. ² Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.

³ Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of

*Please stand as able

you. ⁴ We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. ⁵ In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. ⁶ We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. ⁷ If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. ⁸ If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

Matthew 16:13-20 (CEB)

¹³ Now when Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Human One^[a] is?"

¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

¹⁵ He said, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Then Jesus replied, "Happy are you, Simon son of Jonah, because no human has shown this to you. Rather my Father who is in heaven has shown you. ¹⁸ I tell you that you are Peter.^[b] And I'll build my church on this rock. The gates of the underworld won't be able to stand against it. ¹⁹ I'll give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Anything you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. Anything you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven." ²⁰ Then he ordered the disciples not to tell anybody that he was the Christ.

Hymn

"He Is Lord"

UMH 177

He is Lord, he is Lord
He is risen from the Dead
And he is Lord
Every knee shall bow
Every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord

Words: Philippians 2: 9-11
Music: Trad; arr. by Tom Fetke, 1986
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Message

"Who Do You Say?"

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prayer of the People, Church & World

Antuan Hairston

Response: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord's Prayer

Antuan Hairston

***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**

“Because He Lives”

UMH 364

1. God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

Refrain

Because he lives I can face tomorrow
Because he lives all fear is gone
Because I know he holds the future
And life is worth the living just because he lives

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because he lives

3. And then one day I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know he reigns

Refrain

Refrain

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Benediction

Postlude

“Benedictus on "Sicilian Mariners"” Gordon Young

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Questions for Reflection

When have you succeeded in resisting the forces that seek to conform us to the world?
How has that felt like “spiritual worship”?

What are the ways you most readily answer Jesus’ question: “Who do you say that I am?”

Household Prayer: MORNING

Today, O God, help me receive your revelation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. It is in his name I pray. Amen. Amen.

Household Prayer: EVENING

Holy God, for anything I did this day that was pleasing to you, I give you thanks and pray that you use me to your glory; for anything I did this day that was displeasing to you, I ask your forgiveness and pray that you redeem me for your glory. Amen.

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