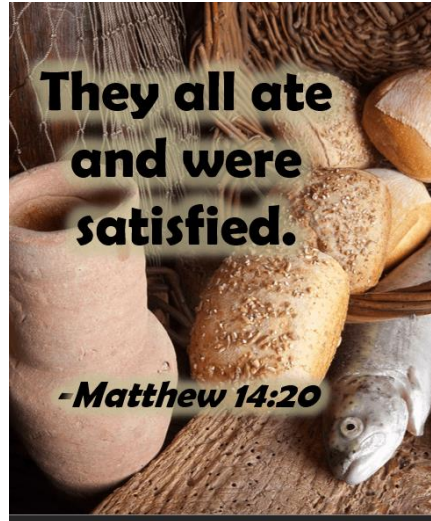


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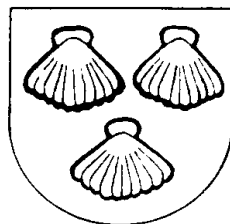
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“Wrestling With Hunger”

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WE GATHER

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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 *Barbara Cook*

L: Beloved disciples, welcome. Some of us come weary and hungry, while others come rested and content. Still others come ready to wrestle with the questions that keep us up at night. No matter how you enter this space, we say,

Come, let us worship God together!

Together, we notice the fatigue we carry, the exhaustion that comes from our hunger for care and connection with one another and with God. Yet, when God says to feed one another, we answer,

We have nothing but...

Together, we feel the unrest and turmoil of grappling with the unknown, unsure whether we are fighting for everyone's wellbeing or merely our own stability. Yet, when God tells us to start by loving God and our neighbors, we answer,

We have nothing but...

Together, then, let us wrestle with our hungers that we may be transformed into people who seek and find God all around us, so that when God calls us to feed the hungry and struggle for those in need of help, we answer,

In you, we have everything. Use us as you will. Amen.

Opening Prayer *Barbara Cook*

God, You have called us into a whole-hearted relationship with You. You've asked us to leave behind all we possess and live out our faith with passion and integrity.

We thank You for the deep love You have shown toward us.

Forgive us when we take our relationship with You for granted,

when we let the fire of our early commitment cool, and allow other things to take priority in our lives.

**Give us strength to hold on to You no matter what comes our way.
 Give us courage to wrestle honestly with the things we don't understand;
 to continually work out our salvation with fear and trembling, to grapple daily with what it means to
 faithfully follow You.
 We are Your people, chosen and named by You.
 Grant us Your continued blessing and mark us with Your love, as we seek to live as Your disciples in
 the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Barbara Cook

The following prayer of confession incorporates verses 1 and 4 of "I Need Thee Every Hour", UMH 397

Sing V1: I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
 No tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee; Every hour I need thee;
 O bless me, now, my Savior, I come to thee.

... God, we need you.

Sing Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee; Every hour I need thee;
 O bless me, now, my Savior, I come to thee.

...God, we need you.

Sing Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee; Every hour I need thee;
 O bless me, now, my Savior, I come to thee.

...your reign on earth as it is heaven. Amen.

Sing V4: I need thee every hour; teach me thy will
 and thy rich promises in me fulfill.

Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee; Every hour I need thee;
 O bless me, now, my Savior, I come to thee.

Prayer written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2023. "I Need Thee Every Hour" written by Annie S. Hawks, The United Methodist Hymnal (Nashville: United Methodist Publishing House, 1989), 397.

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

Opening Hymn

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

UMH 618

1. Let us break bread together on our knees
 Let us break bread together on our knees
 When I fall on my knees
 With my face to the rising sun
 O Lord have mercy on me

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees
 Let us drink wine together on our knees
 When I fall on my knees
 With my face to the rising sun
 O Lord have mercy on me

3. Let us praise God together on our knees
 Let us praise God together on our knees
 When I fall on my knees
 With my face to the rising sun
 O Lord have mercy on me

4. Let us praise God together on our knees
 Let us praise God together on our knees
 When I fall on my knees
 With my face to the rising sun
 O Lord have mercy if you please

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*Please stand as able

Scripture

Matthew 14:13–21 (CEB)

Barbara Cook

¹³When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. ¹⁴When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. ¹⁵That evening his disciples came and said to him, “This is an isolated place and it’s getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

¹⁶But Jesus said to them, “There’s no need to send them away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish.”

¹⁸He said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. ²¹About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

Hymn

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

UMH 348

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See on the portals He’s waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me

Refrain
Come home come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling O sinner come home

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading
Pleading for you and for me
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies
Mercies for you and for me

3. Time is now fleeting the moments are passing
Passing from you and from me
Shadows are gathering deathbeds are coming
Coming for you and for me

Refrain

Refrain

4. O for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Tho we have sinned He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me

Refrain

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Message

“Wrestling With Hunger”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Patricia Abell

Response: O Lord, attend to our cry, **give ear to our prayer.**

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

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of Grace	All are welcome here.
Come all who thirst for God.	All are welcome here.
Come all who hunger for love.	All are welcome here.
Come to the table of grace.	Here, God nourishes our souls.

Holy Communion

***Closing Hymn**

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

UMH 672

1. God be with you till we meet again
By His counsels guide uphold you
With His sheep securely fold you
God be with you till we meet again

Refrain
Till we meet till we meet
Till we meet at Jesus’ feet
Till we meet till we meet
God be with you till we meet again

2. God be with you till we meet again
'Neath His wings securely hide you
Daily manna still provide you
God be with you till we meet again

3. God be with you till we meet again
When life’s perils thick confound you
Put his arms unfailing round you
God be with you till we meet again

Refrain

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4. God be with you till we meet again
Keep love’s banner floating o’er you
Smite death’s threatening wave before you
God be with you till we meet again

Refrain

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Benediction

Postlude

“It is Well With My Soul”

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Questions for Reflection

“Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak” (Gen. 32:24).

Why do you think God allows times of struggle in our lives?

How have times of struggle affected your walk with God?

How does your relationship with God affect your view of overwhelming problems in the world, such as hunger, poverty, violence, or injustice?

Household Prayer: MORNING

God of daybreak, thank you for holding me through the night and awakening me to behold your likeness in this brand-new day. Go with me now as I walk with you.

Show me the world and its people through your eyes of compassion. Bless me, break me, and move through me to heal and feed those who hunger for you. Amen.

Household Prayer: EVENING

O God, tonight I lay my failures, anxieties, struggles, and unfinished business at your feet. Hold me, bless me, and change me as I rest in you. Amen.

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