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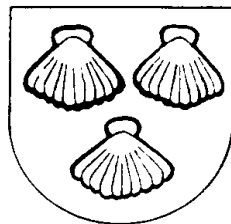
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9:30 am
“Moving Forward, Face to Face, Side by Side”

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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WE GATHER

Prelude

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" (from Spiritual Suite for Organ) Calvin Taylor

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Gathering Song

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

TFWS 2171

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

3. Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
Giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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Call to Worship

Austin Morse

God has been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

before the earth and sky were formed,

God was from everlasting to everlasting.

We come to worship this day,

that God may gather us in.

We will be close to God's heart,

and we will dwell in God's grace.

We will love God fully,

and we will love one another well.

Opening Prayer

Austin Morse

God of Life, your memory is longer than time; your love longer still.

Your giving nature amazes us. You have given us yourself. You have given us your work.

You only ask for love in return, for you and for the world.

You put your ministry into our hands, trusting us to be your hands.

Bless the work of our hands and the ministries of our hearts, O God, as we seek to do your will.

Amen

Prayer of Confession

Austin Morse

God of Mercy, we hear your command to love one another.

These words are easy to say, yet so difficult to do.

If only loving could be as natural as breathing, but it takes work and dedication.

Even when we think we are following you, God, it is easy to get distracted, overwhelmed, turned around, even lost. We turn to the loud praise of the world, rather than the quiet whisper of your blessing. We do the simple, the least-resistant, and leave the difficult behind.

Turn us around, God. Turn us back to you when we have wandered,
when we have suffered, or when we bring suffering on others.
Show us once more what love looks like and send us into the world to try again. Amen.

Words of Assurance

People: Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace

***Opening Hymn**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

UMH 116

1. The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days,
and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.

2. The great I AM has sworn;
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God’s face;
I shall God’s power adore,
And sing the wonders of God’s grace
Forevermore.

3. The heavenly land I see,
with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty,
and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.

4. The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and “Holy, holy, holy! cry,
“Almighty King!
Who was and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM,
We worship thee!”

The Yigdal of Daniel ben Judah, ca. 1400
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Children’s Moment

Jelinda Blum

Scripture

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

Austin Morse

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

Matthew 22:34–46

Hymn

“The Gift of Love”

UMH 408

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire
And have the gift to all inspire
And have not love my words are vain
As sounding brass and hopeless gain

2. Though I may give all I possess
And striving so my love profess
But not be given by love within
The profit soon turns strangely thin

3. Come Spirit come our hearts control
Our spirits long to be made whole
Let inward love guide every deed
By this we worship and are freed

Message

“Moving Forward, Face to Face, Side by Side”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prayer of the People, Church & World

Austin Morse

Response: Holy God, hear our prayer.

Lord’s Prayer

Offering

***Doxology**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”
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

UMH 94

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Offering Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

UMH 402

1. Lord I want to be a Christian
In my heart in my heart
Lord I want to be a Christian
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
Lord I want to be a Christian
In my heart (in my heart)

2. Lord I want to be more loving
In my heart in my heart
Lord I want to be more loving
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
Lord I want to be more loving
In my heart (in my heart)

3. Lord I want to be more holy
In my heart in my heart
Lord I want to be more holy
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
Lord I want to be more holy
In my heart (in my heart)

4. Lord I want to be like Jesus
In my heart in my heart
Lord I want to be like Jesus
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
In my heart (in my heart)
Lord I want to be like Jesus
In my heart (in my heart)

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Benediction

Postlude "A Mighty Fortress (with Old Hundredth)" G Winston Cassler **Offered by Clarice Snyder**

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Food for Thought

Deuteronomy 34:1–12 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8 Matthew 22:34–46

What changes might come into your life as a result of taking to heart and practicing the commands of Leviticus 19:15–18 and of Matthew 22:36-40?

Ponder this week what it might look like never to judge unjustly, not to defer to the rich or excuse the poor, not to gain from others' losses, neither to hate nor to avoid facing others' failings, to seek no revenge, and to hold no grudges.

Household Prayer: MORNING

This morning, as I rise, O God, I hear the sounds of your world awaking, and I give you thanks for another day. Bless your people this morning, at noon, in the afternoon, and in the evening with mercy and loving-kindness. Show us every hour the way to love each other. Help me to see in any conflicts how to grow in faith through the struggle for peace with my family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and strangers; in Jesus' name. Amen..

Household Prayer: EVENING

As I lie down to sleep tonight, O God, I give you thanks for this day so full of surprises and joys. My muscles and bones are weary, and I long for renewal and quiet. Because you are the One in whom I have complete rest, I lean into your arms at this hour. Guard and keep your servant so that through the night, I may grow strong. Wake me in the morning with resolve to love my neighbors and to love myself, in Jesus' name.. Amen.

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