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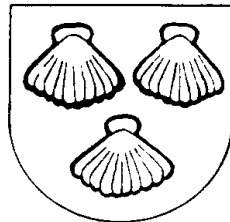
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January 28, 2023
9:30 am
“Becoming People of God: Among the People”

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Invitation and Gathering

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Welcome

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Gathering Song

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Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

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Fount of Life, Glorious One,
your great works are full of honor and majesty:
the earth that we stand on, the trees that shade us, the birds that soar above us.
Ever-Living God, Generous One,
your goodness and faithfulness endure forever:
the wisdom we learn, the justice we long and work for, the hope you offer.
Sheltering God, Healing One,
you remember your covenant and its promises to us:
the grace and mercy you give, the healing you offer, the tenderness you show to us.
The works of your hands are faithful and just.
Your teachings are trustworthy and true.
Your praise endures forever! Amen.

Opening Prayer

Antuan Hairston

**God Beyond our Knowing and yet right here in our midst,
loosen the bondage that ensnares our spirits and keeps us from healing and wholeness.
Guide us, Holy Spirit, Nudge us, Teacher Jesus. Love us, Holy One. Amen.**

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Yearning

Antuan Hairston

**Gracious God, when we speak of your great power,
the power that abounds in creation all around us, we sometimes wonder if it is in our own lives.
We hear that you are faithful, that you remember us and your promises,
yet there are places in our lives that don't feel quite right.
We often wonder what you have to do with our lives,
especially in the places that hurt.
Help us trust your promised grace, for we long to touch your healing peace. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news!
Before you turned to God, God was on watch for you.
Before you remembered your sin, God extended redeeming grace.
Hear these words: You are forgiven.

Thanks be that God stands watch over our very lives.
Thanks be to God for the grace that meets us where we are.
Hear these words: You are forgiven.

Passing the Peace of Christ

*Opening Hymn

“Christ Is the World’s Light”

UMH 188

1. Christ is the world's Light Christ and none other
Born in our darkness He became our Brother
If we have seen Him we have seen the Father
Glory to God on high

2. Christ is the world’s peace Christ and none other
No one can serve him and despise another
Who else unites us one in God the Father
Glory to God on high

3. Christ is the world's Life Christ and none other
Sold once for silver murdered here our Brother
He who redeems us reigns with God the Father
Glory to God on high

4. Give God the glory God and none other
Give God the glory Spirit Son and Father
Give God the glory God with us my brother
Glory to God on high

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Children’s Moment

Rev. Patricia Abell

Scripture

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Mark 1: 21-28 (CEB)

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Anthem

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Handbell Choir

Clara H. Scott
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Message

“Becoming People of God: Among the People”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Response to the Word

Fount of wisdom and life, Holy One of God, your teachings are trustworthy and true.

They are the beginning of wisdom in our lives.

May they also be the beginning of peace and hope in our world.

May the divine commands that lit the sky with light, be the commands that light our lives with your healing power.

What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?

Everything. Grant your healing power in the hurting and hopeful places of our lives.

Amen.

Response: Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

Handbell Choir

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Arranged by Kevin McChesney
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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

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

UMH 127

1. Guide me O Thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven Bread of heaven
Feed me 'till I want no more
Feed me 'till I want no more

2. Open now the crystal fountain
Whence they healing stream doth flow
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong deliverer Strong deliverer
Be thou still my strength and shield
Be thou still my strength and shield

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee

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Benediction

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What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?

Everything! You are the source of our life, our wisdom, our healing.

What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?

Everything! You give us mercy, grace, and hope.

What you to do with the world, Jesus of Nazareth?

Everything! You are the holy one of God, the savior of the World!

Let us give thanks with our whole hearts As we go into the mission field+

And all God's people said, "**Amen!**"

Postlude

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Questions for Reflection

How do you distinguish between healthy boundaries that protect you from harm vs. overly rigid rules that keep you always inside your comfort zone? Do your boundaries sometimes limit your growth?

Household Prayer: Morning

In the light of your new day, O God, I rise to greet you always on the path in front of me.

Let me follow with integrity where you will lead.

Give me courage to know the difference between what is false and what is true.

Teach me to love my neighbor as you love me. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

*As the evening comes and the time for rest draws near, O God,
you are the power above all powers, the healer who knows our every need.*

You have guided me throughout this day

and now give me sleep to renew my tired body and mind.

Guard me and keep me in your care. Amen.

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