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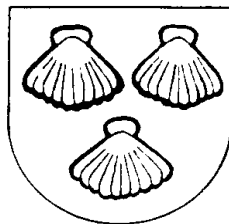
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9:30 am

“Becoming People of God: Wings Like Eagles”

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Invitation and Gathering

Prelude "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" (UMH 596) J.S. Bach, J. G. Walther

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Call to Worship

Austin Morse

ONE: Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told to you from the beginning?

ALL: The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of heaven and earth.

God sits above the circle of the earth and stretches out the heavens like a curtain.

Those who wait for the Lord shall mount up with wings like eagles.

They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

How good it is to sing praises to our God.

Opening Prayer

Austin Morse

God Beyond our Knowing and yet right here in our midst,

Calm the cacophony of our lives and give us sweet respite in this weary land.

Guide us, Holy Spirit, Nudge us, Teacher Jesus. Love us, Holy One. Amen.

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Yearning

Austin Morse

Holy God, even in our pursuit of safety and security, we yearn to seek justice for the poor and to defend the downtrodden from the privilege of the powerful.

Give us the heart of Jesus, that we may care for the sick and rescue the perishing.

Give us the spirit of Christ, that we may spend time in prayer and keep your path before our feet.

Give us the love of your Son, that we may be instruments of your peace. Amen

Words of Assurance

Austin Morse

Hear the good news! God showers the earth with rain, gives animals their food, and offers blessings to those who walk in the paths of righteousness.

Sing praises to the Lord and rest secure in God's blessings. 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**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UMH 139

1. Praise to the Lord the Almighty

The King of creation

O my soul praise Him

For He is thy health and salvation

All ye who hear now to His temple draw near

2. Praise to the Lord who o'er all things

So wondrously reigning

Bears thee on eagle's wings

E'er in his keeping maintaining

God's care enfolds all whose true good he upholds

Praise Him in glad adoration
3. Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love doth befriend thee

Hast thou not known his sustaining
4. Praise to the Lord who doth nourish
Thy life and restore thee
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee

5. Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly for ever adore Him

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Children's Moment

Donna Benson

Scripture

Isaiah 40: 21-31; Mark 1:29-39 (CEB)

Austin Morse

Hymn

“Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine”

UMH 606

1. Come let us use the grace divine
And all with one accord
In a perpetual covenant join
Ourselves to Christ the Lord
Give up ourselves through Jesus' power
His name to glorify
And promise in this sacred hour
For God to live and die

2. The covenant we this moment make
Be ever kept in mind
We will no more our God forsake
Or cast these words behind
We never will throw off the fear
Of God who hears our vow
And if thou art well pleased to hear
Come down and meet us now

3. Thee Father Son and Holy Ghost
Let all our hearts receive
Present with thy celestial host
The peaceful answer give
To each covenant the blood apply
Which takes our sins away
And register our names on high
And keep us to that day

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Message

“Becoming People of God: Wings Like Eagles”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Offering
Offertory

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"
Afro-American spiritual
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*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

Great Thanksgiving and Communion

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

TFWS 2151

1. I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

2. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

3. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Though our lives often seem overwhelming,
in God, we shall mount up with wings like eagles.
Though our responsibilities weigh us down,
in Christ, we shall run and not be weary.
Though injustice and discord sap our strength,
in the Spirit, we shall walk and not faint.
Let us go into the mission field+
And all God's people said, "Amen!"

Postlude

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Questions for Reflection

*Name the practices that help you find peace and stay centered in the midst of chaotic or difficult times.
Do you ever struggle to set limits with work, family, or other sources of responsibility?*

Household Prayer: Morning

*As I rise this day, O God, I give you thanks for breath and life,
for the people I will see today, for family, neighbors, and friends,
and for those whose ways are challenging to my serenity.
In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place,
and there he prayed.
As I turn to you in prayer this morning, God, bless me with a sense of purpose.
As I go out into this day, show me what I am to do. Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*As the evening comes and the time for rest draws near, O God,
I give you thanks for another full and mystifying day.
Everlasting God, you have been here from the foundations of the earth.
I give to you this day now ending, with all its gifts and failings.
As I rest through the night, renew my strength and, in my dreams,
lift me up on the wings of eagles.. Amen.*

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