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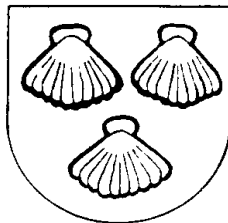
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Gathering

Prelude "O God, thou Faithful God" J.S. Bach, J.G. Walther *Offered by Clarice Snyder*

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Welcome *Donna Benson, CLS*

Gathering Song "Glorify Thy Name" *TFWS 2016*

1. Father we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

2. Jesus we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
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3. Spirit we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
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Call to Worship *Anaya Alexander*

Leader: Celebrate and rejoice, all you people of Christ

People: For the Lord our God is doing a new thing!

Leader: The old order is gone, everything is new!

People: Illness, disease and crying and mourning, shall be as a distant memory!

Leader: Hatred and war shall cease from the earth,

All: For Christ has risen! Death is defeated! Hallelujah! Amen.

Prayer of the Day *Anaya Alexander*

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the promise of a time when there will be no more weeping and joy will abound. This morning, we ask for release from the things of this world—our failures, fears, and burdens. Strengthen our faith as we anticipate Your coming kingdom of peace. Help us to build Your kingdom here and now, and grant us the grace to rejoice in Your abundant care. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession *Anaya Alexander*

O God, we see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere, yet despair of ever stopping them. We see oppression and injustice and persecution, but fail to raise our voices in prophetic protest. We have become a pessimistic people. Help us believe—really believe—in Isaiah's vision of the peaceable kin-dom, in your promise of a new heaven and new earth. God help our unbelief.

Words of Assurance *Anaya Alexander*

*Please stand as able

*Opening Hymn

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

UMH 126

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above
The God of all creation
The God of power the God of love
The God of our salvation
With healing balm my soul is filled
And every faithless murmur stilled
To God all praise and glory

2. The Lord is never far away
But through all grief distressing
An ever present help and stay
Our peace and joy and blessing
As with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band
To God all praise and glory

3. Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises
That earth may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises
Be joyful in the Lord my heart
Both soul and body bear your part
To God all praise and glory

4. Let all who name Christ's holy name
Give God all praise and glory
Let all who own his power proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story
Cast each false idol from its throne
For Christ is Lord and Christ alone
To God all praise and glory

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Passing of the Peace

Anaya Alexander

Proclaiming

Children's Message

Edie Candee

Scripture

Isaiah 65:17-25 (NRSVue)

Anaya Alexander

Word in Music

“It Is Well With My Soul”

UMH 377

1. When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well
It is well with my soul

Refrain

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well
It is well with my soul

2. Though Satan should buffet
Though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded
My helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood
For my soul

Refrain

3. My sin oh the bliss of
This glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and
I bear it no more
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
O my soul

Refrain

4. And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well
With my soul

Refrain

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Message

“Life in God's Creation”

Donna Benson, CLS

Responding

Prayer for People, Church & World

Anaya Alexander

Response: *We lift our prayers, O God*

Lord's Prayer

***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

Going Forth

***Closing Hymn**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

UMH 110

1. A mighty fortress is our God
a bulwark never failing
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe
his craft and power are great
and armed with cruel hate
on earth is not his equal

2. Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right man on our side
The man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is he
Lord Sabaoth his name
From age to age the same
And he must win the battle

3. And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The Prince of Darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

4. That word above all earthly powers
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru him who with is sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

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Benediction

Donna Benson, CLS

Postlude

"A Mighty Fortress" arr. by Jan Bender

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Questions for Reflection

What does the light of God's truth reveal about your life?

Are there parts of your life that you want to hide from God?

Can you imagine what it would be like to live completely transparent to God's piercing light?

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God,
draw me to your light,
that I may avoid the dangers of sin
and receive the freedom of your grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord Christ, as shadows of night draw near,
sustain me by the light that banishes the fearful claim of death.
Help me believe in you with all my heart that I may know the freedom of salvation
and at last receive the joy of eternal life. Amen.
Comfort those who are uneasy or afraid.
Guide us through the night to the dawn of a new day
filled with hope and promise. Amen.

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