



Our Mission: *Seeking, Growing, Serving
with Unconditional Love and Acceptance*

Our Vision: *Weaving a Community of Hope Through Community*

ONCE AND FOR ALL: A Series Based on the Letter to the Hebrews

Sunday November 21, 2021

8:30 am

WELCOMING

PRELUDE *The Glory of Our King* (Marchand) Joyce Mynster, Organist

***OPENING PRAYER** (unison) *by Rev. Alexis Johnson*

Leader: If Jesus is Lord...

PEOPLE: THEN CAESAR IS NOT.

Let us worship the living Lord...

JESUS, I GIVE YOU MY LIFE.

Let us obey the loving Lord...

JESUS I GIVE YOU MY HEART.

Let us hear the speaking Lord...

JESUS, I GIVE YOU MY ATTENTION.

Worship the Lord, Our God.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

***OPENING HYMN** *Rejoice, the Lord is King* UMH #715
Steve Williamson, Song Leader

1. REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING! YOUR LORD AND KING ADORE; MORTALS, GIVE THANKS AND SING, AND TRIUMPH EVERMORE. LIFT UP YOUR HEART, LIFT UP YOUR VOICE; REJOICE; AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

2. JESUS THE SAVIOR REIGNS, THE GOD OF TRUTH AND LOVE; WHEN HE HAD PURGED OUR STAINS, HE TOOK HIS SEAT ABOVE. LIFT UP YOUR HEART, LIFT UP YOUR VOICE; REJOICE, AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

3. HIS KINGDOM CANNOT FAIL; HE RULES O'ER EARTH AND HEAVEN; THE KEYS OF EARTH AND HELL ARE TO OUR JESUS GIVEN. LIFT UP YOUR HEART, LIFT UP YOUR VOICE; REJOICE, AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

4. REJOICE IN GLORIOUS HOPE! JESUS THE JUDGE SHALL COME, AND TAKE HIS SERVANTS UP TO THEIR ETERNAL HOME. WE SOON SHALL HEAR TH'ARCHANGEL'S VOICE; THE TRUMP OF GOD SHALL SOUND, REJOICE!

YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Psalm 19:14 CEB with modification

LET THE WORDS OF OUR MOUTHS AND THE MEDITATIONS OF OUR HEART BE PLEASING TO YOU, LORD, OUR ROCK AND OUR REDEEMER. AMEN.

***CENTERING HYMN**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

UMH#626

1. LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE, AND WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING STAND; PONDER NOTHING EARTHLY-MINDED, FOR WITH BLESSING IN HIS HAND, CHRIST OUR GOD TO EARTH DESCENDETH, OUR FULL HOMAGE TO DEMAND.
2. KING OF KINGS, YET BORN OF MARY, AS OF OLD ON EARTH HE STOOD, LORD OF LORDS, IN HUMAN VESTURE, IN THE BODY AND THE BLOOD; HE WILL GIVE TO ALL THE FAITHFUL HIS OWN SELF FOR HEAVENLY FOOD.
3. RANK ON RANK THE HOST OF HEAVEN SPREADS ITS VANGUARD ON THE WAY, AS THE LIGHT OF LIGHT DESCENDETH FROM THE REALMS OF ENDLESS DAY, THAT THE POWERS OF HELL MAY VANISH AS THE DARKNESS CLEARS AWAY.
4. AT HIS FEET THE SIX-WINGED SERAPH, CHERUBIM, WITH SLEEPLESS EYE, VEIL THEIR FACES TO THE PRESENCE, AS WITH CEASELESS VOICE THEY CRY: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, LORD MOST HIGH!

SCRIPTURE

John 18:33-37

Common English Bible

Leader: Here ends the reading. Spirit of God, stir up Your people.

People: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

MESSAGE

If Jesus Is Lord

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OFFERING

Blessed Be His Name (de LaLande)

Organist

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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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GOD OF MAJESTY AND POWER, YOU HAVE DOMINION OVER ALL THE UNIVERSE, AND YET YOU CHOSE TO RULE NOT IN POWER BUT IN LOVE. THE GIFTS WE GIVE TO YOU ARE NOT GIVEN FROM FEAR OR IN PETITION FOR YOUR FAVOR, BUT IN THE DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR ALL YOUR BLESSINGS THAT KEEP US AND SUSTAIN US. MAY OUR WHOLE LIVES REFLECT TO THE WORLD THAT THERE IS ONE WHO RULES US WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION, ABOVE ALL THIS WORLD'S NATIONS AND PRINCIPALITIES. IN THE NAME OF YOUR SON, THE CHRIST, WE PRAY. AMEN.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

UMH #877

After each petition Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER**
Together, let us pray for
the people of this congregation...
those who suffer and those in trouble...
the concerns of the communities we call home...

the world, it's people, and it's leaders...
the church universal - it's leaders, its members, and its mission...
the communion of saints who have gone before and show us the way...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME.
THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES,
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US,
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER.
AMEN

***BENEDICTION SONG**

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

UMH#569

1. WE'VE A STORY TO TELL TO THE NATIONS, THAT SHALL TURN THEIR HEARTS TO THE RIGHT, A STORY OF TRUTH AND MERCY, A STORY OF PEACE AND LIGHT, A STORY OF PEACE AND LIGHT. FOR THE DARKNESS SHALL TURN TO DAWNING, AND THE DAWNING TO NOONDAY BRIGHT; AND CHRIST'S GREAT KINGDOM SHALL COME ON EARTH, THE KINGDOM OF LOVE AND LIGHT.

2. WE'VE A SONG TO BE SUNG TO THE NATIONS, THAT SHALL LIFT THEIR HEARTS TO THE LORD, A SONG THAT SHALL CONQUER EVIL AND SHATTER THE SPEAR AND SWORD, AND SHATTER THE SPEAR AND SWORD. FOR THE DARKNESS SHALL TURN TO DAWNING, AND THE DAWNING TO NOONDAY BRIGHT; AND CHRIST'S GREAT KINGDOM SHALL COME ON EARTH, THE KINGDOM OF LOVE AND LIGHT.

3. WE'VE A MESSAGE TO GIVE TO THE NATIONS, THAT THE LORD WHO REIGNETH ABOVE HATH SENT US HIS SON TO SAVE US, AND SHOW US THAT GOD IS LOVE, AND SHOW US THAT GOD IS LOVE. FOR THE DARKNESS SHALL TURN TO DAWNING, AND THE DAWNING TO NOONDAY BRIGHT; AND CHRIST'S GREAT KINGDOM SHALL COME ON EARTH, THE KINGDOM OF LOVE AND LIGHT.

4. WE'VE A SAVIOR TO SHOW TO THE NATIONS, WHO THE PATH OF SORROW HATH TROD, THAT ALL OF THE WORLD'S GREAT PEOPLES MIGHT COME TO THE TRUTH OF GOD, MIGHT COME TO THE TRUTH OF GOD. FOR THE DARKNESS SHALL TURN TO DAWNING, AND THE DAWNING TO NOONDAY BRIGHT; AND CHRIST'S GREAT KINGDOM SHALL COME ON EARTH, THE KINGDOM OF LOVE AND LIGHT.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26 CEB

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND PROTECT YOU. THE LORD MAKE GOD'S FACE SHINE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU. THE LORD LIFT UP GOD'S FACE TO YOU AND GRANT YOU PEACE. AMEN.

POSTLUDE

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