

Bulletin for Sunday, August 30, 2020

Greeting and Welcome

Time of Centering Prayer

Prelude

Response, Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.



Call to Worship (responsively)

L: The gentleness of Christ is a gift to us.

P: May our gentleness be a gift from Christ to world.

L: A humble heart is what God desires.

P: May we be like Christ and respond to the world with grace and mercy.

L: Sometimes our pride and hot tempers get in the way of our witness.

P: But still the love of God prevails upon us and sets us on the right path. Amen.

Opening Hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King" UMH 61

**1. Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!**

**2. Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!**

**3. Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!**

**4. To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence, evermore.**

**Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!**

Call to Confession

Prayer (in unison)

Loving God, your mercies abound! You humbled yourself to the point of death on a cross, to show your great love for us. However, we have at times taken your love for granted. Instead of responding to the world with love, we have done harm to others. Instead of being gentle and kind, hatred and malice has filled our hearts. We are sinners both inwardly and out. We are in need of your grace and forgiveness more than ever. Transform our hearts, loving God, so that we might be evermore faithful to you. Amen.



Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Musical Offering, Sue Johnson

New Testament Lesson, Colossians 3:1-14

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Gospel Lesson, Matthew 11:25-30

Response, Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Sermon “Countercultural Teachings of the Bible Part 2: Gentleness” Pastor Warner

Responsive Song, “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” UMH 348

**1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.**

[Refrain]

Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!

**2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?**

**Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]**

**3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
coming for you and for me. [Refrain]**

**4. O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]**



Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Response, Cares Chorus

**I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn, "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" UMH TFWS 2146

**1. Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely,
and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion,
My constant friend is He
His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me..**

Refrain:

**I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know He watches me.**

**2. Let not your heart be troubled,
His tender word I hear
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears
Though by the path He leadeth,
but one step I may see
His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. (Refrain)**

3. **Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
from care He sets me free
His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches
me
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches
me. (Refrain)**



Benediction

Closing Response, Bind Us Together

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.**