

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, "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" UMH 715

**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!

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. Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.**
- 2. We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.**
- 3. We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.**
- 4. Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.**

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.**

