

Bulletin for Sunday, September 20 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 enemy, love them

P: The oppressor, walk a mile with them

L: The master, turn the other cheek to them

P: The enemy, imbalance them with love

L: The oppressor, witness to them forgiveness

P: The master, show them what humility is all about

Opening Hymn, "Lord of the Dance" UMH 261

**1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

[Refrain]

Dance, then, wherever you may be;

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

**2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came to me and the dance went on. [Refrain]**

**3. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
and they left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]**

**4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. [Refrain]**

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,

I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]

Call to Confession

Prayer (in unison)

Amazing God, you love us even when we have worked against you! You died for the very people who wrongly accused you, humiliated you, tortured you, and killed you. Your love isn't based on merit but on the fact that we are all people of sacred worth. Yes, we admit that we have messed up. We have done things, said things, and thought things that have done harm to your good purposes. We have lashed out with anger when we should have poured out grace. We are broken people who are in need of your healing touch. Transform our hearts, God of grace, so that we might be evermore faithful to you. Transform our hearts, God of love, so that we might love even our enemies. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Musical Offering: Cheryl McKeown, Sue Johnson, Kelly Thompson

New Testament Lesson, Romans 12:14-21

Musical Offering, Ed McKeown

Gospel Lesson, Luke 6:27-36

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 5: Love Your Enemies" Pastor Warner

Responsive Song, "Depth of Mercy" UMH 355

- 1. Depth of mercy! Can there be
mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God his wrath forbear,
me, the chief of sinners, spare?**

- 2. I have long withstood his grace,
long provoked him to his face,
would not hearken to his calls,
grieved him by a thousand falls.**

- 3. I my Master have denied,**

**I afresh have crucified,
oft profaned his hallowed name,
put him to an open shame.**

**4. There for me the Savior stands,
shows his wounds and spreads his hands.
God is love! I know, I feel;
Jesus weeps and loves me still.**

**5. Now incline me to repent,
let me now my sins lament,
now my foul revolt deplore,
weep, believe, and sin no more.**

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, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH 572

**1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**

**2. Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**3. We share each other's woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

**4. When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.**

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.