

Really?!?!? How is That Going to Work?

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Chimes

Greeting

L: We wait for the Lord with patient and hopeful hearts.

P: Lord, be with us today.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*Invitation to Worship

L: We are hungering and thirsting for hope and peace.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

L: Our hearts long for the nourishing presence of God.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

L: Give to us the living bread of your peace that we may hunger no more.

P: Open our hearts to joyfully receive your life-sustaining love. AMEN.

*Opening Music

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UMH #496

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things going on in our lives.

Some of these things are wonderful and cause us to rejoice. However, there

are far too many things that cause us fear and anxiety. Humbly we wait for

your presence with us. We need your healing touch. Feed us with the bread of

life, that we may hunger no more. Strengthen us to do your will, for it is in

Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Children's Message

Special Music

How Great Thou Art
Karen Joy Smith, soloist

arr. Stuart K. Hine

Scripture

John 6:35-51

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸ for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Message

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*Hymn Response

Fill My Cup, Lord

UMH #641

Sharing the Life of of the Church

- *Joys and Concerns*
- *Centering Song* *Breathe* W&S #3112
- *Pastoral Prayer*
- *The Lord's Prayer*

Offering

- **Offertory Sentence:** *Freely we have received. Thus, we freely give: grace upon grace. Let us express our love and appreciation to God, by extending the grace and mercy of God to a hungry world.*
- **Offertory**
- ***Doxology:** *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 up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- **Offertory Prayer:** *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! We bow before you and thank you for the privilege to participate in your acts of kindness and love here on earth. May these gifts truly become instruments of your purposes here in our church, our community, and around the world. Amen.*

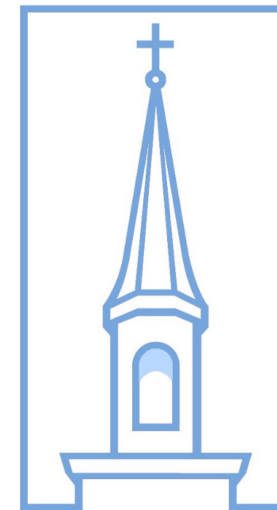
***Closing Hymn** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* UMH #121

*Benediction

Postlude

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