Being the Church Worship

Sunday, November 8, 2020

Welcome & Call to Worship Pastor Melinda Dodge

The God of our ancestors has led us to this place.

We are witnesses.

We have sworn to teach God's promises

to all generations.

We are witnesses.

The time is coming when Christ will come again in glory.

We are witnesses.

Let us tell the world of God's faithful love.

We will worship and witness together!

Opening Music How Great Thou Art **Derek Gordon**

Opening Prayer Pastor Doug Dickson

Your love has brought us together, O Lord,

and it is your love that sustains us through each day.

We pray that you would keep us faithful.

Even as we watch for signs of your kingdom,

strengthen us to work with you

to bring about, here and now,

your reign on earth.

Give us the courage

to witness to your presence in the world,

today, tomorrow, and into the future.

We pray in the name of the One who comes,

Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scripture 1: Psalm 8

Cambodian Congregation Long Beach

O Lord, our Sovereign,

    how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

2

    Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

    to silence the enemy and the avenger.

3

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

    the moon and the stars that you have established;

4

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

    mortals[a] that you care for them?

5

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,[b]

    and crowned them with glory and honor.

6

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

    you have put all things under their feet,

7

all sheep and oxen,

    and also the beasts of the field,

8

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

    whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9

O Lord, our Sovereign,

    how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Meditation Music Yuriko

Scripture 2: Joel 2:3-11

Schylar Ferguson

Fire devours in front of them,

    and behind them a flame burns.

Before them the land is like the garden of Eden,

    but after them a desolate wilderness,

    and nothing escapes them.

4

They have the appearance of horses,

    and like war-horses they charge.

5

As with the rumbling of chariots,

    they leap on the tops of the mountains,

like the crackling of a flame of fire

    devouring the stubble,

like a powerful army

    drawn up for battle.

6

Before them peoples are in anguish,

    all faces grow pale.

7

Like warriors they charge,

    like soldiers they scale the wall.

Each keeps to its own course,

    they do not swerve from[b] their paths.

8

They do not jostle one another,

    each keeps to its own track;

they burst through the weapons

    and are not halted.

9

They leap upon the city,

    they run upon the walls;

they climb up into the houses,

    they enter through the windows like a thief.

10

The earth quakes before them,

    the heavens tremble.

The sun and the moon are darkened,

    and the stars withdraw their shining.

11

The Lord utters his voice

    at the head of his army;

how vast is his host!

    Numberless are those who obey his command.

Truly the day of the Lord is great;

    terrible indeed—who can endure it?

Invitation to the Word: Los Altos UMC

Hey, wake up! It's time for the sermon.

What do you mean, wake up?   
This is prime nap time!

How can you sleep at a time like this?

You might miss something important!

Nah, I've been hearing this same old stuff all my life.

But this is God's word!

Don't you know this could change your life?

Change my life?!

Uh . . . . I must have missed that part.

Exactly! We've promised to serve God,

to be witnesses with our lives.

How can you witness when you're asleep?

Well, I guess it might not hurt to pay attention. . .   
just this once.

Pay attention today and every day!

This is the word of God!

And you never know what might happen.

Message Ms. Schylar Ferguson

Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King! Cal Heights UMC

Prayers of the People Pastor Dan Lewis

Offering & Announcements

Blessing Pastor Dan Lewis & Grace UMC

Postlude Finlandia Los Altos UMC

Carillon Ringers