

I'm Not Done Yet!

Sunday October 10th, 2021

Chimes

*Invitation to Worship

Leader: Listen, for the voice of God comes near!

People: Listen, for God's voice is not obtrusive.

Leader: We come to worship the God who became one of us,

People: Who calls us by name,

Leader: Who is Love Incarnate,

People: Who is!

Leader: Let us gather together in joy and hope –

People: Let us worship the God of Love!

Prelude Kum ba yah (Come by Here) Setting, C.R. Young

Welcome & Announcements

***Opening Music** Precious Lord, Take My Hand UMH #474

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Almighty God, we long to rest in your gentle arms. We need your compassion as we face the challenges and disappointments of life. When our hearts are hard, and our concern is only for ourselves, turn us back to you. Remind us of your saving love and keep us close to you, Lord. Love us as only you can love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Special Music It Is Well H. G. Spafford and P. B. Bliss
Owen Lovejoy, tenor

Scripture Job 23 (See insert)

Message

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Sharing the Life of of the Church

- *Joys and Concerns*

- *Centering Song*

Kum Ba Yah, My Lord

UMH #494

- *Pastoral Prayer*

L: The God of love opens our eyes to see the suffering of all our sisters and brothers

People: And we will see

L: The God of justice opens our ears to hear those who cry out

P: And we will hear

L: The God of healing opens our hearts to acknowledge and share our own pain.

P: And we will bear it together

L: In the power of the Spirit we will know the truth

P: And the truth will set us free

L: Let us pray together

All: O God, You who created us all in Your image, who knew us all before we were born, affirm in us the value Your love has unquestionably given to us. As we embody our core identity found in you, may those who are dehumanized, either by the oppression of others or by their own actions of hate, be granted the permission to live in the freedom you offer—By Your compassion grant us what we need—the courage necessary to love boldly, the vulnerability necessary to trust, the submission necessary to heal, the conviction necessary to repent. We belong to You.

- *The Lord's Prayer*

*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering

- **Offertory Sentence:** *So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.*
- **Offertory:** Precious Lord, Take My Hand Arr. M. Rinehart
- ***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:** *With open hands and thankful hearts, we offer to you all that is already yours, O Lord. Everything we possess is a gift from you. You so freely give us what we need, and you promise even greater treasures that await us in heaven. Take what we offer and use it for the goodness of your kingdom. Help us share generously with others all that you so graciously give to us. Amen.*

***Closing Hymn** Great Is Thy Faithfulness UMH #140

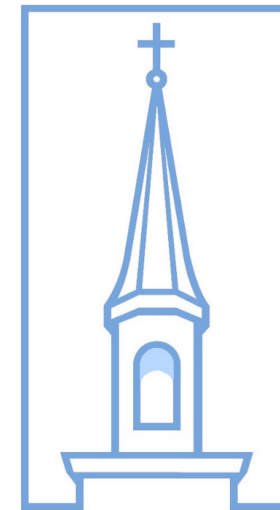
***Benediction**

Postlude Trumpet March in G W.P. Rowan

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