

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Chimes

Greeting

L: Praise be to God who has called us together.

P: **We come here seeking healing and hope.**

L: Open your hearts to God's redeeming love.

P: **Help us to hear your words, O Lord, and follow your ways.**

Prelude

There Is a Fountain
Jamie Dyer, Piano

M. Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

*Invitation to Worship

L: Come, all who are weary and burdened. It is here that you will find rest.

P: **We come, bringing our joys and sorrows, hopes and dreams to God.**

Choir: singing verse 1 of "Gather Us In" (FSW, p. 2236)

L: Though we are different and have encountered a host of differing circumstances, God awaits us with God's healing touch.

P: **Stress and strife, sorrow and sadness claim too much of our lives.**

Choir: singing verse 2 of "Gather Us In" (FSW, p. 2236)

L: Come, now is the time to give to God all the brokenness you have experienced.

P: **Healing and Restoring God, touch our lives and bring us to wholeness with you. AMEN.**

*Opening Music

How Firm a Foundation

UMH #529

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Lord, we come to you today with so many things on our hearts. You call us to be in a relationship of trust and love with you and you offer healing to us for

those portions of our lives that are broken and injured. Help us to be open to your mercy and healing love. For we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Anthem

Come to the Table

Jay Althouse

Chancel Choir

Scripture

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

1 There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

2 One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. ² The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." ³ The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." ⁴

Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. ⁵ But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." ⁶ The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸ Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

⁹ Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." ¹⁰ But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Message

Have You Considered?

*Hymn Response

Blessed Be Your Name

W & S #3002

Holy Communion Service

- Remembering the First Communion
- Communion Prayer
- Communion Hymn Let Us Break Bread Together UMH #618

Offering

- **Offertory Sentence:** *We are blessed beyond measure, blessed to be a blessing to others, blessed to serve a loving God. In the midst of trials and difficulties, we remember that we are blessed and we are thankful. Let us give our thanks and praise through our tithes and offerings.*
- **Offertory** How Firm a Foundation: Partita II Setting, J.H. Johnson
- ***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:** *God of grace and goodness, your blessings in our lives have been so abundant that when trials come, we become disoriented. Our needs have so often been met that when we're challenged in life, we wonder what's wrong. Why isn't the world perfectly aligned to meet our desires? This morning, we give our tithes and offerings, with hope that we might ground ourselves in gratitude for the blessings that we so easily come to take for granted. We pray for eyes to see clearly the bright mountains and the dark valleys, with grateful hearts for both. In Christ, we pray. Amen.*

***Closing Hymn** Gather Us In TFWS #2236

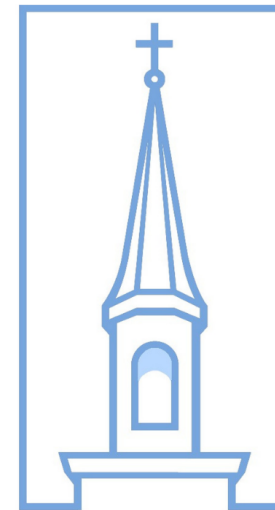
*Benediction

Postlude How Firm a Foundation: Partita IV Setting, J.H. Johnson

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