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United Methodist Church
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10:00am
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Anuary 3, 2021

Prelude

Isaiah Williams

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth

Congregation: Worship the LORD with gladness;

Leader: Let us come before the Lord with joyful songs.

Congregation: And enter God's gates with thanksgiving

Opening Hymn

"O Come All Ye Faithful" (vs 5,6) No. 234

Invocation (in unison)

God of time and place, the year is about to turn and the carols will fade away for another year. We read that the holy child grew and became strong, and God's favor was with him. In these days of Epiphany we long for just such steady becoming. We come seeking assurance of your presence beyond these Winter times of our lives. Be with us this hour, Amen

This Morning's Scriptural Texts

Deuteronomy 18:17-20

The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.

Luke 2:41-52

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God

A Hymn

"Once In Royal David's City" No. 250

The Homily "God's Timing" Dr Richard

The Morning Prayers

Prayer Requests

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Call To Offering

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen*

Dedication of Our Gifts and Offerings

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

*God our creator, we offer our prayer as persons who often feel less than whole. Losses have diminished us; attention to you is distracted by claims upon us; We have again discovered how difficult it is to fulfill our best intentions. We confess that we have practiced a fractional faith. Forgive us and enable us to enjoy the fullness of our life with Christ, this day, and in the days ahead.
Amen*

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing The Elements "Bread of the World..." No. 624 (UMH)

Prayer of Thanks

Closing Hymn

"Joy To The World" No. 246

The Blessing

May the peace of God enfold us, The love of God uphold us, The wisdom of God control us.

Choral Benediction

*Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you
Each hour of every day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true,
Know God will guide in all you do.*

*Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others, so all the world can see*

God will be there, watching from above

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love, Amen

Amen (and the people all said....Amen!)

Welcome

Welcome to our first worship service of 2021! We never would have dreamt of this kind of worship a year ago, and we hope that we will be together way before another year passes. But, we are together, even if it is electronically. And for that we thank God and welcome you.

The Sacrament of Communion

For those present in Wesley Hall, the elements are provided, but for those who join us via zoom, please feel free to use whatever elements of bread and juice/wine you have at home. We will consecrate the elements during the liturgy.

Bible Study This Wednesday

The discussion of the Gospel of Luke resumes this Wednesday at 7pm via zoom. We have notes to help guide our discussion which can be sent to you. Just let Dr. Richard know you want to be part of the discussion .

The January/February Issue of Upper Room...

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From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

This is the time of the year we all make promises to ourselves for the new year, promises that we have every intention to keep.

I have had a book in my library for years, it's appeal keeps me returning to it every so often. It was written by Dr. Martin Marty, who was a professor of Church History and regular contributor of Christian Century magazine for years. The book's title is, "You Are Promise."

Few people speak that way. We say "You are promising," or "You show promise." You might remember the song "You Are Love?" It says a lot more than "You are loving," or "you are capable of love." It says that the loved one embodies all that the word means.

You might say, "You are grace," but would more often say "You are graceful." These kind of phrases are rarely used because, perhaps, we have not found people that really live up to them.

Just so with "You are Promise." To be *promising* is not enough. Behind the word promise are the Latin words, *pro mission*. They mean "sent forth." As far as God is concerned scripture suggests that we are in the world for a "mission." We are "pro-missio" people sent forth to the world. We embody God's idea of promise. Your being here makes a difference, to God and to Christ.

You embody promise, embodying all that the word means. Think about when you are making up your list of new year promises.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

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