



February 7, 2021

3:00 pm

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

If you have not pre-registered online, please be sure to “register” your family at the Registration Table. Bulletins and communion elements are available on the Registration Table.

HYMN 57 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON
(vs. 1, 4, 5, 7)

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: Carl G. Gläser/Lowell Mason, 1839

OPENING PRAYER

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen. *

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THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 40:21-31

HOMILY

SOLO *There is a Balm in Gilead* arr. by William Farley Smith
Malcolm Lemons, bass; Greg Boatwright, piano

THE INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

- ALL: God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love.**
- ONE:** Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds. God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
- ALL: Glory to God. Amen.**

HYMN 618 Let Us Break Bread Together LET US BREAK BREAD
Please prepare the elements for communion as we sing together. If you need elements, they are on the Registration Table. Raise your hand if you would like an usher to bring them to you.

1. Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.
Refrain: When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees,
Refrain:
3. Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees.
Refrain:

Words: Afro-American Spiritual;
Music: Afro-American Spiritual arranged by William Farley Smith, 1986

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please respond wherever you see the words in bold)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing.... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ, who called you Abba, Father.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,.... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

(Please take the elements that you have prepared in your hand(s) and lift them up for the blessing.)

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts,
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Let us share in the feast together.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Lift us up, as if on the wings of an eagle, so that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN 421

Make Me a Captive Lord

DIADEMATA

(vs. 1, 2, 4)

1. Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free.
Force me to render up my sword, and I shall conqueror be.
I sink in life's alarms when by myself I stand;
imprison me within thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.
2. My heart is weak and poor until its master find;
it has no spring of action sure, it varies with the wind.
It cannot freely move till thou has wrought its chain;
enslave it with thy matchless love, and deathless it shall reign.
4. My will is not my own till thou hast made it thine;
if it would reach a monarch's throne, it must its crown resign.
It only stands unbent amid the clashing strife,
when on thy bosom it has leant, and found in thee its life.

Words: George Matheson, 1890; Music: *Diademata*, George J. Elvey, 1868

BENEDICTION

**The United Methodist Book of Worship, 1992.*


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