

June 26, 2022

Scripture Reading is from Luke 9:51-62

Message by Rev. Larry Paulson

Special music by Dominick Nors & Dr. Cynthia Hibbetts

Greeting

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

Leader: Our Family, Or Church, Our circle of God's love.

People: Open doors, Open hearts, Open minds.

Leader: Jesus stands knocking at the door of ALL HEARTS.

People: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Gathering Song

We Gather Together

UMH #131

WORDS: *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; trans. by Theodore Baker, 1894

*1. We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens
His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease
from distressing.
Sing praises to His name;
He forgets not His own.*

*2. Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining
His kingdom divine;
so from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord,
wast at our side,
all glory be Thine!*

*3. We all do extol Thee,
Thou leader triumphant,
and pray that
Thou still*

*our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation
escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!*

Mystery Box

Caleb

Invitation to Prayer

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Prayer Song

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

v. 1 UMH #526

WORDS: Joseph M. Scriven, ca. 1855

*1. What a friend
we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace
we often forfeit,
O what needless
pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.*

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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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 to trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever.

Prayer Response

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

v. 3 UMH #526

WORDS: Joseph M. Scriven, ca. 1855

*3. Are we weak
and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior,
still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise,
forsake thee?*

*Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll
take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.*

Invitation to Offering

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Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Arr. Mark Hayes

Dominick Nors ~ Soloist, Dr. Cynthia Hibbetts ~ Pianist

Prayer of Thanks & Dedication

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***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

*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 uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:51-62

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When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Jon Reimer & Kristina Kafka

Message

Rev. Larry Paulson

***Affirmation of Faith**

A COMPANION LITANY TO OUR SOCIAL CREED

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

Leader: God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace

People: to be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.

Leader: Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

People: And so shall we.

Leader: Today is the day God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

People: And so shall we.

Leader: Today is the day God cries with the masses of starving people, despises growing disparity between rich and poor, demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

People: And so shall we.

Leader: Today is the day God deplores violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world's warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

People: And so shall we.

Leader: Today is the day God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

People: And so shall we.

All: Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free. And so shall we.

***Sending Hymn**

Forward Through the Ages

UMH #555

WORDS: Frederick Lucian Hosmer, 1908

*1. Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine;

gifts in differing measure,
hearts of one accord,
manifold the service,
one the sure reward.*

Refrain

*Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine.*

*2. Wider grows the kingdom,
reign of love and light;*

*for it we must labor,
till our faith is sight.*

*Prophets have
proclaimed it,
martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory.
heroes for it died.*

Refrain

*Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine.*

*3. Not alone we conquer,
not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph
lose or triumph all.*

*Bound by God's
far purpose
in one living whole,
move we on together
to the shining goal.*

Refrain

*Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine.*

Announcements

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

Benediction

Rev. Larry Paulson

Postlude

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