

October 2, 2022

Greeting

Rev. David Petty

Prelude

Stephanie Shorden

*Call to Worship

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

Leader: God meets us where we are and how we are

People: God's unconditional love surrounds us and encourages us.

Leader: God knows us and God sees us

People: God touches our lives in ways that really matter.

Leader: God asks us to come forward and be counted

People: Our dedication, our purpose, our service, our all.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We shall rejoice and be glad in it!

*Gathering Song

Morning Has Broken

UMH #145

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931 (Lam. 3:22-23)

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1. Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:1-12

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word believed, and they numbered about five thousand.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being

questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is
'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Mystery Box

PRAYER

Invitation to Prayer

Rev. David Petty

Prayer Song

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

v. 1 TFWS #2171

WORDS: Prayer of St. Francis; adapt. by Sebastian Temple (Matt. 6:12-15)

MUSIC: Sebastian Temple © 1967 OCP Publications

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love, Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Holy Spirit Prayer, Silent Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

CLM Twinkle Gordon

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

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

v. 2 TFWS #2171

WORDS: Prayer of St. Francis; adapt. by Sebastian Temple (Matt. 6:12-15)

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2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

GIVING BACK

Invitation to Offering

CLM Twinkle Gordon

Offertory

O Be Joyful to The Lord

by John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

Prayer of Thanks & Dedication

Rev. David Petty

*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!

MESSAGE

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:13-31

CLM Twinkle Gordon

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. They said, "What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard." After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened. For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was more than forty years old.

After they were released, they went to their own people and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, it is you who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant:

'Why did the gentiles rage
and the peoples imagine vain things?
The kings of the earth took their stand,
and the rulers have gathered together
against the Lord and against his Messiah.'

"For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look at their threats, and

grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: May the words of my mouth,

People: and the meditations of all of our hearts

All: be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our rock and our redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

Message

The Church of ACTS—ACT with Creativity

Rev. David Petty

Communion Hymn

Bread of the World

UMH #624

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1872 (Jn. 6:35-58)

1. Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:

2. Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

SENDING FORTH

Communion

***Sending Hymn**

Here I Am Lord

v. 1 & 3 UMH #593

WORDS: Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)

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1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Announcements

Blessing of the Animals,
Keenagers,
Fall Clean-Up Day

Benediction

Rev. David Petty

Postlude

Stephanie Shorden