

July 24, 2022

Greeting

Rev. David Petty

Prelude

Stephanie Shorden

*Call to Worship

Nancy Gehrung

Leader: We are ALL God's children and we ALL need God's love.

People: St. Paul's United Methodist Church connects us to God and one to another.

Leader: Our Church-Our neighbor- Our world.

People: As we are one with God- we are One with the world.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Gathering Song

For the Beauty of the Earth

v. 1, 2, 4, 6 UMH #92

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Mystery Box

Invitation to Prayer

Rev. David Petty

Prayer Song

How Great Thou Art

v. 1 UMH #77

WORDS: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

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1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

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

How Great Thou Art

v. 2 UMH #77

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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

Invitation to Offering

Nancy Gehrung

Offertory

Come Ye Blessed

John Prindle Scott

Dominick Nors ~ Soloist,

Stephanie Shorden ~ Pianist

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!

Scripture Reading

Luke 11:1-13

Nancy Gehrung

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

Knock Knock

Rev. David Petty

*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 deplors 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**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

UMH #147

WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848 (Gen. 1:31)

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

2. The purple-headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

Announcements

Silver Key,

Benediction

Rev. David Petty

Postlude

Stephanie Shorden

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