

September 11, 2022

*indicates an invitation to stand, **Bold** indicates congregational participation

Greeting

Rev. David Petty

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

Jubilee Bells

***Call to Worship**

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

Leader: Christ called all the disciples to Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.

People: We gather to worship as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Christ called all the disciples into the mission of the church - not alone, but present WITH Christ.

People: We gather today to be the church in word, deed, and action.

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

People: We shall rejoice and be glad in it!

***Gathering Song**

The Church's One Foundation

v. 1, 2, 4, 5 UMH #545

WORDS: Samuel J. Stone, 1866

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Scripture Reading

Luke 6:27-36

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Welcome Members

Mystery Box

PRAYER

Invitation to Prayer

Rev. David Petty

Anyone wishing to come forward to the Communion Railing to pray or light a prayer candle may do so.

Prayer Song

I Surrender All

v. 1 UMH #354

WORDS: J. W. Van Deventer, 1896

1. All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

Refrain

I surrender all, (I surrender all,) I surrender all, (I surrender all,) all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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

I Surrender All

v. 4 UMH #354

WORDS: J. W. Van Deventer, 1896

4. All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee; fill me with thy love and power; let thy blessing fall on me.

Refrain

I surrender all, (I surrender all,) I surrender all, (I surrender all,) all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

GIVING BACK

Invitation to Offering

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

Offertory

Cynthia Hibbetts ~ Organ

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

Matthew 28:19-20

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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Anthem

Psalm 100

Rene Clausen

Sanctuary Choir, Stephanie Shorden & Dr. Cynthia Hibbetts ~ Piano

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

We are the Church—Let's ACT(s) like it!
Rev. David Petty

SENDING FORTH

***Affirmation of Faith**

We are a Pilgrim People

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

Adapted from the Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia
from Uniting in Worship 2

We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One, confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father.

In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church, the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation.

We acknowledge that we live and work between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which he will bring.

We are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards a promised goal; on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments, and we have the gift of the Spirit in order that we may not lose the way.

We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will.

We affirm that every member of the Church is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died. And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.

***Sending Hymn**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH #557

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

2. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

3. We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

4. When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

Announcements

Operation School Bell, Fall Family Fun Night

Benediction

Rev. David Petty

Postlude

Stephanie Shorden