



Sunday, August 9, 2020

Prelude *Praise to the Lord*

Velda Graham Bell, organ

arr. Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship

Linda and Erin Wiig

One: Praise to the Lord Almighty!

All: Open our hearts, fill us with your message.

One: Praise to the Lord, who so wonderfully reigns over all.

All: Show us how to live like you, changing the world with your light.

One: Praise to the Lord, who nourishes and restores.

All: Let us move past human strife and live fully in you.

Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

UM Hymnal #139, v. 1, 2, 4, 5

1. Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagle's wings,
e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds,
all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

4. Praise to the Lord,
who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well
for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need
God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

5. Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

Morning Prayer

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer

Loving God, Sacred One, Blessed be your name. May your kingdom come, your dream arrive, your purpose prevail, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrong we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Help us steer clear of temptation, and protect us from evil. We trust you in this, for the kingdom, its power and its beauty, are yours forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon

Anthem

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

Elise Hintzman, vocalist

Scripture Reading

Russ Lindgren

John 12:24-26

Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. God in heaven will honor the one who serves me."

Sermon *If the Church Were Christian...*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Hymn *You Are the Seed*

UM Hymnal #583

*1. You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
you're a star that will shine in the night;
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt,
a beacon to glow in the dark.
You are the dawn that will bring a new day,
you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,
my witnesses where'er you go.*

*Refrain: Go, my friends, go to the world,
proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace,
eternal love.
Be, my friends, a loyal witness,
from the dead I arose;
"Lo, I'll be with you forever,
till the end of the world."*

*2. You are the flame that will lighten the dark,
sending sparkles of hope, faith and love;
you are the shepherds to lead the whole world
through valleys and pastures of peace.
You are the friends that I chose for myself,
the word that I want to proclaim.
You are the new kingdom built on a rock
where justice and truth always reign.*

*Refrain: Go, my friends, go to the world,
proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace,
eternal love.
Be, my friends, a loyal witness,
from the dead I arose;
"Lo, I'll be with you forever,
till the end of the world."*

*3. You are the life that will nurture the plant;
you're the waves in a turbulent sea;
yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise,
a new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a city to hide,
nor a mountain can cover its might;
may your good deeds show a world in despair
a path that will lead all to God.*

*Refrain: Go, my friends, go to the world,
proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace,
eternal love.
Be, my friends, a loyal witness,
from the dead I arose;
"Lo, I'll be with you forever,
till the end of the world."*

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Offertory *He Giveth More Grace*

arr. Joseph Linn

Michael Hintzman, saxophone; Velda Graham Bell, piano

Words for Going Forth

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Praise to the Lord*

Johann Walther

Velda Graham Bell, organ



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