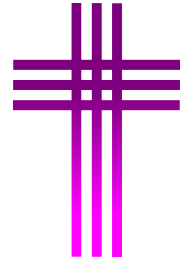


Sunday, March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Prelude *Invention No. 14 in B Flat Major*
Velda Graham Bell, organ

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

A Time of Appreciation

Call to Worship

Tina and Steve Farrell

One: Joined together as one body, knit together we are one.

All: We, the church, are called to live together in love.

One: Joined together by the Spirit, every person brings a gift.

All: Every life is worthy, together with love we share our gifts.

One: Join together all embracing, yet our separate selves we bring.

All: On our hearts God is tracing word of love, inspiring us to live out love.

One: Joined together as one body, knit together we are one.

All: We are called to be God's people. We are called to live in love!

Hymn *Joined Together as One Body*

led by Michael Goodlet and Velda Graham Bell

1. Joined together as one body,
Knit together, we are one.
We the church, God's chosen body
Live our faith in Christ, the Son.
We are called to be disciples!
We are called to live in love!
Bring your hearts and minds, disciples,
Dedicate your lives to love.

2. Joined together by the Spirit,
Every person brings a gift.
Every life is full of merit;
Hearts of gratitude we lift.
We are called to be the faithful!
We are called to live in love!
Such an honor to be faithful,
Full of life and full of love.

3. Joined together, all embracing,
Yet our separate selves we bring;
On our hearts our God is tracing
Words of love that make us sing.
We are called to be God's servants!
We are called to live in love!
Such an honor to be servants,
Ever faithful in God's love.

4. Joined together as one body,
Knit together, we are one.
Still, each person in Christ's body
Will remain a separate one.
We are called to be God's people!
We are called to live in love!
Always longing, as God's people,
For God's gracious, healing love.

Morning Prayer
Prayers of Concern and Celebration

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Jesus' Prayer – from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon

Scripture Reading

Janet and Ron Yardley

Exodus 3:1-6

Moses was taking care of the flock for his father-in-law Jethro, Midian's priest. He led his flock out to the edge of the desert and he came to God's mountain called Horeb. The Lord's messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames but it didn't burn up. Then Moses said to himself, "Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't burning up." When the Lord saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" Moses said, "I'm here." Then the Lord said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground." He continued, "I am the God of your father, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Philippians 2:1-5

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus.

Anthem *How Can I Keep From Singing*

arr. Alfred Fedak

Tom Wiig, bass; Velda Graham Bell, piano

Sermon *Love is the Way - Love: Brings Us Forward Together*

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Hymn *Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord*

The Faith We Sing #2131
led by MaryAnne Korsch, Emma Rustan and Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

1. *Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord,
and God shall lift you up,
higher and higher,
and God shall lift you up.*

2. *Serve one another in the sight of the Lord.
Serve one another in the sight of the Lord,
and God shall lift you up,*

*higher and higher,
and God shall lift you up.*

3. *Love one another in the sight of the Lord.
Love one another in the sight of the Lord,
and God shall lift you up,
higher and higher,
and God shall lift you up.*

Benediction

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Postlude *"Allegro" from Organ Concerto in A Minor*

Velda Graham Bell, organ

J.S. Bach



Sunday, April 4.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service will premiere at 7 pm on Thursday, April 1 and can be watched at any time after that.

Easter Sunrise Service will be held outdoors in the FUMC parking lot at 6:45 am on Sunday, April 4. We will be outside our cars so please plan on wearing masks. This service will not be online.

Easter Worship online will premiere at our usual time: 10 am on

March is Food Share Month.

First UMC: Bins for food donations will be outside the front doors from 9-3, Monday through Friday.

Envelopes with checks may be left in the bins or mailed to the church.

Hillside UMC: Bins will be available outside the doors any time. Donations of money may be mailed to the church.

Thank you for helping to feed our neighbors!



Today is Johann Sebastian Bach's 336 birthday! We are honoring him with our Prelude and Postlude music.

Thank you to Bill Alexander and Alex Flinner for recording, compiling, editing and distributing the videos to create our online worship service.

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