



Sunday, May 24, 2020

Memorial Day Weekend

Prelude *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* arr. Charles Callahan
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship Rosemary Tripp and Anita Rixe

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All: **We think of our loved ones who no longer live on this earth but live on in our hearts and minds.**

One: On this Memorial Day weekend, we gather with song and praise to worship God and be reminded of the lives of those who have sacrificed for us.

All: **We think of all those who serve and have served on our behalf. May we have thankful hearts! May their memories be honored and blessed!**

Gathering Hymn *America the Beautiful* UM Hymnal #696, v. 1 and 3

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties,
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

3. O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self control,
thy liberty in law.

Morning Prayer Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Lord's Prayer

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 who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *Great is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Jack Schrader
Brandon Veale, tenor; Velda Graham Bell, piano

Scripture Reading

Pat Miller

Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

The Faith We Sing #2051

1. *"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.*

2. *"I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.*

3. *"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.*

4. *"If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.*

5. *"In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.*

6. *"When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.*

7. *"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old,
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold."*

Sermon *How Awesome is This Place*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Sarah Horsfield

Offertory *Verona*

Bill Frisell

Joe Walsh, mandolin

Hymn *Lord of the Dance*

UM Hymnal #261

*1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*Refrain. Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came to me and the dance went on.*

*Refrain. Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*3. I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
and they left me there on a cross to die.*

*Refrain. Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.*

*Refrain. Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.*

*Refrain. Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

Words for Going Forth

Pastor Sarah Horsfield

Postlude *When It's Over*

Joe Walsh, mandolin

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Thank you to Michael Goodlet, Cynthia Coffin-Langdon and Velda Graham Bell for leading hymns today.

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