



# Sunday, September 13, 2020

## Fall Kick-off Sunday

**Prelude**      *Fanfare*

Velda Graham Bell, organ

Douglas Wagner

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Call to Worship**

Diane Boris, Susan Smart and Katie Peterson

One: Let us build a house where there is love, kindness and compassion for all.

**All: Let us build a house where everyone is our neighbor.**

One: Let us build a city where all are named and treasured.

**All: Let us build a country where we listen to each other with an open heart.**

One: Let us build a world where our hands and heart will reach the outcast and the stranger.

**All: Because ALL are welcome!**

One: All are welcome!

**All: All are welcome in this place, God's house.**

**Hymn**      *All are Welcome (Let Us Build a House)*

v. 1, 3, 5

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell  
And all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell  
How hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
Rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.

3. Let us build a house where love is found  
In water, wine and wheat:  
A banquet hall on holy ground,  
Where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
Is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.

5. Let us build a house where all are named,  
Their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
As words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
Prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place.

**Morning Prayer**

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

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**

*Morning Has Broken*

Holland Venhuizen, vocalist; Velda Graham Bell, piano

music by Cat Stevens; words by Eleanor Farjeon

**Introduction of Sermon Series & Introduction of Bishop and Char Ough**

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Hymn**

*Jesu, Jesu*

UM Hymnal #432, v. 1-3

*Refrain: Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.*

*1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.*

*Refrain: Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.*

*2. Neighbors are rich and poor,  
neighbors are black and white,  
neighbors are near and far away.*

*Refrain: Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.*

*3. These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.*

*Refrain: Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.*

**Scripture Readings**

Char Ough

**Isaiah 58:6-10**

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness.

**Matthew 5:13-16**

You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

**Sermon**      *A Light Rising in the Darkness*

Bishop Bruce Ough

**Offering Our Gifts and Tithes**

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

**Offertory**      *Rondo Passacaglia*

Cynthia Dobrinski

Strikepoint

**Hymn**      *Lord, We Come to Ask Your Healing*

v. 1, 2, 4

1. Lord, we come to ask your healing,  
teach us of love;  
all unspoken shame revealing,  
teach us of love.  
Take our selfish thoughts and actions,  
petty feuds, divisive factions,  
hear us now, to you appealing, teach us of love.

4. Help us live for one another,  
bind us in love;  
stranger, neighbor, father, mother –  
bind us in love.  
All are equal at your table,  
through your Spirit make us able  
to embrace as sister, brother, bind us in love.

2. Soothe away our pain and sorrow,  
hold us in love;  
grace we cannot buy or borrow,  
hold us in love.  
Though we seek but dark and danger,  
though we spurn both friend and stranger,  
though we often dread tomorrow, hold us in love.

**Words for Going Forth**

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Choral Blessing**      *The Blessing of Aaron*

Norman Ramsey

Sanctuary Choir

**Postlude**      *All are Welcome*

Marty Haugen/arr. Tapestry

Tapestry



*Strikepoint's piece, Rondo Passacaglia, was recorded at their homecoming concert following their 2019 summer tour.*

*Join us* following worship for a Zoom Coffee Hour, where we can enjoy fellowship and see each other. Click here to join: <https://umn.zoom.us/my/jojocl> The meeting ID is 410-749-5307. Captioning is available.

*Mark your calendars* for Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm. We'll hold our monthly Drive-In Worship service in the parking lot. See all your church friends while remaining safely in your own car. This month: bring your pets for a special Blessing of the Animals!



*Thank you* to Emma Rustan, Mary Whitlock, Velda Graham Bell and Tapestry for leading the hymns today.

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