



Sunday, September 6, 2020

Communion Sunday • Labor Sunday •

PRIDE Sunday

Prelude

“Alla breve” from *Trio Sonata in C Major*

J.J. Quantz

Johanna Gruskin, flute; LeAnn House, harpsichord; Shelley Gruskin, recorder

Welcome and Announcements

Pastors Jeanine Alexander and Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Call to Worship

Velda and Geoff Bell

One: O Lord our God! We gather to consider all that your hands have made.

All: Our souls sing of the greatness of God!

One: O Lord our God! Your power throughout the universe is displayed in ways that bring forth life and possibility.

All: Our souls sing of the greatness of God!

One: O Lord our God! We hear birds singing, look at mountains, feel gentle breezes and know your presence.

All: Our souls sing of the greatness of God!

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

UM Hymnal #77, v. 1, 2, 4

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

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

Revisiting the Chickens

Pastor Jeanine; Larry, Nicole and Jamie Ehresman

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Offertory

"Vivace" from *Trio Sonata in C Major*

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Scripture Reading

Jojo and Kiki Coffin-Langdon

Genesis 19: 1-29

- Jojo: The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and bowed down with his face to the ground. He said, "Please, my lords, turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you can rise early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the square." But he urged them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house; and they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, so that we may know them." Lot went out of the door to the men, shut the door after him, and said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. Look, I have two daughters who have not known a man; let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please; only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof." But they replied, "Stand back!" And they said, "This fellow came here as an alien, and he would play the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them." Then they pressed hard against the man Lot and came near the door to break it down. But the men inside reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. And they struck with blindness the men who were at the door of the house, both small and great, so that they were unable to find the door.
- Kiki: Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city—bring them out of the place. For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the Lord and the Lord has sent us to destroy it." So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, "Up, get out of this place; for the Lord is about to destroy the city." But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting. When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or else you will be consumed in the punishment of the city." But he lingered; so the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and left him outside the city. When they had brought them outside, they said, "Flee for your life; do not look back or stop anywhere in the Plain; flee to the hills, or else you will be consumed." And Lot said to them, "Oh, no, my lords; your servant has found favor with you, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life; but I cannot flee to the hills, for fear the disaster will overtake me and I die. Look, that city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there—is it not a little one?—and my life will be saved!" He said to him, "Very well, I grant you this favor too, and will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken. Hurry, escape there, for I can do nothing until you arrive there." Therefore the city was called Zoar. The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar.
- Jojo: Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the Lord out of heaven; and he overthrew those cities and all the Plain and all the inhabitants of the cities and what grew on the ground. But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

Kiki: Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the Lord; and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the Plain and saw the smoke of the land going up like the smoke of a furnace. So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the Plain, God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had settled.

Introduction of Rev. Jesse Bale

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Sermon *Not That Kind of Sodom and Gomorrah Sermon*

Rev. Jesse Bale

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastors Jeanine Alexander and Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Communion Music *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Spiritual/ arr. Gordon Myers

Riley Hinnenkamp, bass; Velda Graham Bell, piano

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastors Jeanine Alexander and Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Hymn *Draw the Circle Wide*

*Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (Repeat)*

*Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (Repeat)*

*Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

*Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (Repeat)*

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Words for Going Forth

Pastors Jeanine Alexander and Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Postlude *Tuba Tune in D Major*

C.S. Lang

Velda Graham Bell, organ



Thank you to Rev. Jesse Bale for preaching this morning. Jesse is an ordained United Methodist clergy who holds his charge conference relationship with our congregation. He is the chaplain at the Federal Prison Camp in Duluth.

***Next Sunday** we begin a sermon series called "Reclaiming Jesus." Pastor Jeanine Alexander will preach on "The Neighbor Question."*

***Thank you** to Emma Rustan, Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, Mary Whitlock and Velda Graham Bell for leading the hymns today.*

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