



Sunday, June 14, 2020

*Beginning the Celebration of
150 Years of Ministry*

Prelude *Tribute to Sarah*

Liz Raihala, piano

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Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship

Carol and Jerry Norling (David Bard's parents)

One: For everyone born, a place at the table!

All: ALL are welcome in God's family of faith.

One: For everyone born, a place at the table!

All: In our churches, we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace!

One: For everyone born, a place at the table!

All: And God delights! Yes! God delights!

Hymn *For Everyone Born, a Place at the Table*

v. 1, 2, 3, 6

*1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.*

*Refrain: and God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

*2) For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.*

*Refrain: and God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

*3) For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.*

*Refrain: and God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

*6) For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.*

*Refrain: and God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

Morning Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

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.

Anthem

Liebstraum No. 3

Franz Liszt

Ben Hintzman (2020 high school graduate), piano

Graduate Recognition/Children's Message

Rev. Cynthia Coffin-Langdon and Jojo Coffin-Langdon

Scripture Reading

Pastor Sarah Horsfield and Catharine Larsen

Isaiah 49:8-16a

- One: This is what the Lord says: "I will answer your prayers because I have set a time when I will help by coming to save you.
- All: **"I have chosen you to take my promise of hope to other nations.**
- One: "You will rebuild the country from its ruins, then people will come and settle there. You will set prisoners free from dark dungeons to see the light of day. On their way home, they will find plenty to eat, even on barren hills. They won't go hungry or get thirsty; they won't be bothered by the scorching sun or hot desert winds.
- All: **"I will be merciful while leading them along to streams of water. I will level the mountains and make roads. Then my people will return from distant lands in the north and the west and from the city of Syene."**
- One: Tell the heavens and the earth to celebrate and sing; command every mountain to join in the song. The Lord's people have suffered, but God has shown mercy and given them comfort.
- All: **The people of Zion said, "The Lord has turned away and forgotten us."**
- One: The Lord answered, "Could a mother forget a child who nurses at her breast? Could she fail to love an infant who came from her own body?
- All: **"Even if a mother could forget, I will never forget you. A picture of your city is drawn on my hand. You are always in my thoughts!"**

Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air: they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in

all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things and God in heaven knows that you need them. But seek first God’s kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Hymn *The Summons*

The Faith We Sing #2130

1) *Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

2) *Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?*

3) *Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*

4) *Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

5) *Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

Sermon *We Make the Road by Walking*

Bishop David Bard

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Kelby Werner, summer pastoral intern

Offertory *Allemande I*

Tielman Susato

Melanie Sever, flute; Peter Jordan (2020 high school graduate), guitar

Hymn *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*

UM Hymnal #664

1) *Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,*

*shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.*

*2) With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.*

Words for Going Forth

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

A Sending Rite in the Midst of an Uprising

by Elle Dowd

Pastor Jeanine Alexander & JoJo Coffin Langdon

In Creation, God delighted in diversity and called us all, "Very Good."

Do you promise, therefore, to honor people of all races? To see the face of the Creator in yourself and your neighbor? To treat them as your siblings, holy and beloved by God? If so, say, "I do and I ask God to help me."

I do and I ask God to help me.

Through our ancestors, the prophets, God spoke on behalf of the oppressed.

Do you promise, therefore, to give your attention to the Black and Brown prophets in your midst? To amplify their voices and follow their leadership? To align yourself with them through bold social action and a just redistribution of resources? If so, say, "I do and I ask God to help me."

I do and I ask God to help me.

Through the person of Jesus Christ, God came to Earth as one of the marginalized. He was crucified by the state to satisfy the blood lust of humans and his execution ignited a movement.

Do you promise, therefore, to be present with those who suffer because of racist violence? To act alongside Black, Brown, Asian, and Native people as co-conspirators in their liberation? To resist Empires of Death that demand blood sacrifice? If so, say, "I do and I ask God to help me."

I do and I ask God to help me.

The Book of Acts at Pentecost tells us that each person gathered was able to speak their own language, and all were understood.

Do you promise, therefore, to work for cross-cultural solidarity in our church and world? To give preference to the voices often silenced? To celebrate people and cultures without demanding assimilation? If so say, "I do and I ask God to help me."

I do and I ask God to help me.

In the last days the Book of Revelation tells us that people of all tongues and nations will gather together around God's throne.

Do you promise, therefore, to believe in a kingdom without borders? To put your hope in God's heavenly reign? To forsake allegiance to powers that draw you away from this vision? If so, say, "I do and I ask God to help me."

I do and I ask God to help me.

Charges

In baptism we all have vowed to work for peace and justice in all the earth. As siblings through the waters of baptism, I charge each of us, then, before God and our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the last days will judge all the living and the dead:

Proclaim the good news of Christ's liberating love to all people.

Divest your hearts and wallets from the forces of evil in this world that draw you from God.

Dismantle white supremacy and all systems that keep you from care of neighbor.

Live into the future reign of God breaking in at this very moment.

Amen.

Postlude *Pomp and Circumstance*

Edward Elgar, arr. Lemare

Velda Graham Bell, organ

A Video Celebration of Pastor Sarah Horsfield

Thank you and farewell to Pastor Sarah Horsfield. It's been a joy to have her with us. She's excited about moving to the Twin Cities to live with her new husband, Steve, and to start a Chaplaincy Education Internship in the fall. Sarah gives thanks to God for Hope UMC and for the connection between all of our United Methodist Churches and friends in Duluth. May the circle be unbroken, but ever make room for one more.

Hope UMC is hosting a farewell open house for Pastor Sarah this afternoon from 2-5 pm in their parking lot, 301 W. St, Marie St. Everyone is invited to stop by and wish Sarah well in her new endeavors.

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.

Thank you to our own Bishop David Bard for giving the sermon as part of First UMC's celebration of 150 years of ministry in Duluth.

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

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***Next Sunday** Pastor Jeanine will preach on “McElligot’s Pool.” Scripture readings are: Philippians 4:4-12 and Colossians 3:12-17.*

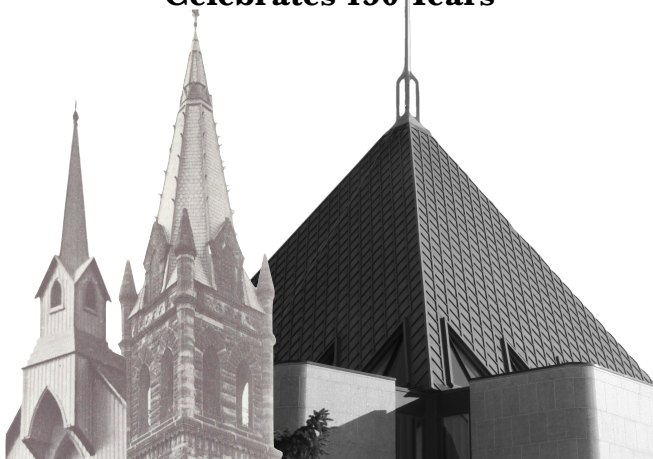
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