

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Kick-off Sunday



Prelude *Dance With Me*

Tapestry; Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, director

unknown

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Call to Worship

Mark Harvey

One: All of us are invited to the table to share the feast.

All: **All of us are invited to ask questions and seek truth.**

One: Let us find ways to be bridges of love and to serve.

All: **Let us find ways to be God's hands of healing and compassion.**

One: Now let us sing! Let us raise our voices so all may know they are welcome here!

All: **All are welcome and invited to find the truth of God's grace and love!**

* Hymn *Welcome (Let's Walk Together)*

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"Children's Message

Pastor Jeanine and Bill Alexander

Dedication of Bells

Anthem *Jubilation*

Fred Gramann

Cast in Bronze; Bill Alexander, director

(Children may leave for Sunday School following the anthem)

Morning Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Affirmation of Faith: We believe in a CREATING GOD, who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope. We believe in the RISEN CHRIST, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture; who calls us by name to enter into life. We believe in the LIVING SPIRIT, the hidden presence behind every act of love, who beckons to live in the life power of Christ. We believe in resurrection, in love and new life!

Prayers of Concern and Celebration

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 wrongs 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.

Scripture Reading

Mark Harvey

Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion, an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" Jesus replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind', and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked

Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" In reply, Jesus said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So, too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expenses you may have.' Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Anthem	<i>Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown</i> Sanctuary Choir; Mike Goodlet-Meijer, director Jenna Mattson, violin; Dawn Silvestrini, flute	David Mennicke
Sermon	<i>How Do We Find Meaning in Life</i>	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Hymn	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	UM Hymnal #664
Benediction		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Choral Blessing	<i>Go Now in Peace</i> Sanctuary Choir and handbells	Natalie Sleeth
Postlude	<i>Fugue in C Major</i> Velda Graham Bell, organ	J.S. Bach

* Please stand as you are comfortable.



Announcements

*Please fill out the Connect Cards each week. They are replacing the attendance pads formerly found in the pews. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. **On the back of the card**, is a list of ministry opportunities, places where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.*

Please join us in the east parking lot following the service. There will be ice cream treats and doughnuts to welcome the start of our fall programming. If you worship online, you are welcome to join us in the parking lot afterwards for treats and fellowship.

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