

7 February 2021

Thought for the Week

"Vitality shows in not only the ability to persist but the ability to start over." F. Scott Fitzgerald

~~Gathering and Welcome~~

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship

L: Come sing a new song to God

R: Praise the One who gathers us here.

L: Give thanks for the rain, the grass, and the earth.

R: Give thanks for the gifts of God.

L: Come sing a song of praise

R: We sing to the everlasting God.

Music

Come We Who Love the Lord

(words printed on pg. 4)

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. AMEN.

Prayer of Confession #893

L: Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human.

P: Lord, we confess to you.

L: Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

P: Lord, we confess to you.

L: Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other, and we erect barriers of division.

P: Lord, we confess to you.

L: Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word

P: we have built up walls of prejudice.

L: Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy

P: we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.

L: Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf. Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Responsorial Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

L: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; a song of praise is fitting.

P: **The Lord builds up Jerusalem; and gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

L: The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

P: **The Lord determines the number of the stars and gives to all of them their names.**

L: Great is our Lord and abundant in power, whose understanding is beyond measure.

P: **The Lord lifts up the downtrodden, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

L: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

P: **make melody upon the lyre to our God**

L: who covers the heavens with clouds, rain for the earth, makes grass grow upon the hills.

P: **The Lord gives to the beasts their food and to the young ravens that cry.**

L: The Lord takes no delight in the might of a horse nor pleasure in the strength of a runner,

P: **but the Lord takes pleasure in the faithful, in those who hope in the Lord's steadfast love. Praise the Lord!**

~~The Church Proclaims the Word~~

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

Response: Thanks be to God

Message

Renewing Our Strength

Pastor Dianne Carpenter

Music

On Eagle's Wings

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

~~Response to the Word~~

A Modern Affirmation #885

L: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

P: **We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from**

sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for the Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

~~The Church Goes Forth~~

Final Hymn

May You Run and Not Be Weary

May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song.

And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.

And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy!

And may the road you travel always lead you home.

Benediction

"God Be With You"

Liturgist: Karl Young

You are welcome here. No matter who you are. No matter what.

Transfiguration Sunday, February 14, 2021:

Scripture Passages

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: Coming Attractions

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Come, We That Love the Lord

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.

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Announcements

Today:

We will reconvene our all-Church Conference after worship. Our Budget and Lay Leadership Report are the agenda.

Wednesday, February 17:

Ash Wednesday Zoom Service at 6pm.

Thursday, February 18th:

Zoom Lenten Study will begin at 6pm.

Sunday, February 21:

Administrative Council will meet after church. Beginning this month, the Council will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month instead of the 1st.

Beginning with the Ash Wednesday service on February 17th, we will be thinking about the fact that we are Holy Vessels. The main metaphor is shards of beach glass. In preparation for the Ritual Activity in worship and for your personal use I invite you to create a "worship area" with a few items including a candle, a bowl with some sand or dirt in it, and a bit of water. Of course if you have "beach glass" you can include some of these... A Bible & a cross are always appropriate ...

HUMC's United Methodist Women are holding our church family in their prayers.

Prayer Concerns

Surgery:, John Albee (February 9)

Healing: Janet Purdy (post-surgery), Claire (Pam Purdy's niece with COVID);

Those who grieve;

The rapid spread of COVID-19, its new variant, and the availability of a vaccine;

President Biden and Vice-President Harris;

Our polarized nation in need of healing;

Caregivers;

Those who work for justice and mercy;

Grandparents raising grandchildren;

Continued prayers for: Joan Stevens, Mary (Lil Murphy's sister), Pauline Doliber,

Dan Murphy, Sandra & Mark Loeffler, Jason Narkon, Dan Carrol, Jackie Winne,

Declan Smith, Jane Schneeloch, Drew Mielke, Bruce Zeller, Ruth Crocker,

Michael Chatham, Pierre Bonin, Greg Legeyt, Fred Buess;

Pastor Dianne Carpenter and HUMC.