

WORSHIP GUIDE FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

GATHERING MUSIC

- Dana Moody

THE MORNING WELCOME

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

CENTERING PRAYER (in unison)

Lord, Lord, we know who you are, we know you bring in the kingdom of heaven. But when you assign us the job of lighting the way, we barely announce your divine rule to ourselves.

Our worship hour has solemn times and festivals. And we celebrate your redemptive action in history with our calendar - Sundays, seasons, year after year. Yet we become drowsy: unprepared, because we are not disciples, each day, at all hours.

In these off hours we live for ourselves...

We act as though we have no need of you in the here and right now...

We do not want justice, unless we judge for ourselves...

And self-righteousness is easier than right relationship.

Our faith informs us, however, that you, O Lord are the God of redemption. Our hope lives in the one we call Jesus the Christ. Time and again we go to this hope, ready or not.

Forgive us Lord the sins we can bear to name. Save us Lord from the sins we will not speak.

May the flood of God's love in Christ Jesus be poured out in our lives and cease not at this worship's end. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“It is No Secret What God Can Do”

Don Moody

THE WORLD METHODIST SOCIAL AFFIRMATION (responsively)

L: We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,
who died and rose again;
and in the Holy Spirit,
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

P: We believe; God, help our unbelief.

L: We rejoice in every sign of God's Kingdom;
in the upholding of human dignity and community;
in every expression of love, justice and reconciliation;
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
in the abundance of God's gifts

entrusted to us that all may have enough;
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**P: Glory be to God on high;
and on earth, peace.**

L: We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action:
through the violation of human dignity
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;
through the exploitation of people
because of greed and indifference;
through the misuse of power
in personal, communal, national, and international life;
through the search for security
by those military and economic forces that threaten human
existence;
through the abuse of technology
which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

**P: Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy .**

L: We commit ourselves individually and as a community
to the way of Christ:
to take up the cross;
to seek abundant life for all humanity;
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,
praying that God's kingdom may come.

P: Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:1-14 (CEV)

Some time later the LORD said to Moses and Aaron: This month is to be the first month of the year for you. Tell the people of Israel that on the tenth day of this month the head of each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for his family to eat. If any family is too small to eat the whole animal, they must share it with their next-door neighbors. Choose either a sheep or a goat, but it must be a one-year-old male that has nothing wrong with it. And it must be large enough for everyone to have some of the meat.

Each family must take care of its animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, when the animals are to be killed. Some of the blood must be put on the two doorposts and above the door of each house where the animals are to be eaten. That night the animals are to be roasted and eaten, together with bitter herbs

and thin bread made without yeast. Don't eat the meat raw or boiled. The entire animal, including its head, legs, and insides, must be roasted. Eat what you want that night, and the next morning burn whatever is left. When you eat the meal, be dressed and ready to travel. Have your sandals on, carry your walking stick in your hand, and eat quickly. This is the Passover Festival in honor of me, your LORD.

That same night I will pass through Egypt and kill the first-born son in every family and the first-born male of all animals. I am the LORD, and I will punish the gods of Egypt. The blood on the houses will show me where you live, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. Then you won't be bothered by the terrible disasters I will bring on Egypt.

Remember this day and celebrate it each year as a festival in my honor.

SERMON “Kairos Living, Not Chronos Thinking” - Dr. Tim Hazlett

HYMN “How Great Thou Art”

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!*

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!*

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

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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 then proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
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BENEDICTION (responsively)

Leader: Go forth into the world trusting with your hearts the wisdom
God bestows upon all who seek to follow God's will. When
called to lead, do so with humility and confidence in God. Be in
this world a sign of Jesus' presence. Share compassion with all
whom you encounter. Live wisely in God's name, and glorify
God in all you do.

People: **And may the grace, mercy and wisdom of God be our
support, guidance and strength from this day forward and
for ever more. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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