

David's UCC on October 11, 2020
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Online Worship Bulletin



Opening Music – (please note – the music will play approximately 10 minutes prior to 10:00 a.m.)

"Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep " Irving Berlin,
arr. by Phil Keveren

"Smile " Charles Chaplin

"This is My Father's World" Franklin Shepherd, arr. by Larry Shackley

"What a Wonderful World " Weiss/Thiele

Welcome – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Call to Worship – *Mark Anthony*

One: In the darkness and emptiness of much we call life, the Spirit moves among us, calling us into new being.

Many: We have gathered ourselves together to seek light amid the shadows, fulfillment out of hollowness and despair.

One: From separation and bitterness, apathy and hatred, God, in Christ, calls us to steadfast love and reconciliation.

Many: We have come seeking healing and peace, to experience forgiveness, acceptance, purpose, and a place to belong.

All: Come now, Holy Spirit, baptize us anew in your love. We await your word and the power of your benediction.

Invocation –

Children's Moment –

Announcements and Invitation for Support – www.davidsucc.org

Stewardship 2020 –

Special Music – *Tim Williams & Lyn Morton*

"Meditation" from Thais - Jules Massenet

Canticle – Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23, 44 - 47 (Adapted from The Message)

One: Hallelujah! Thank God! And why?

Many: Because God is good, because God's love endures.

One: Who on earth can do it – declare God's mighty acts, broadcast all God's praises?

Many: You are one happy person when you do what is right, when you form the habit of justice.

One: Remember us, O God, when you enjoy your people:

Many: Include each one of us when you save them;

One: I want to see your chosen ones succeed,

Many: Rejoice with your celebrating nation, join the hallelujahs of your pride and joy!

One: Yet, we have sinned a lot, both we and our parents before us;

Many: We have fallen short, hurt a lot of people.

One: Still, when God saw the trouble we were in, and heard our cries for help,

Many: God remembered God's covenant with the people, and filled with love, God took them by hand.

One: God poured out God's mercy on the people, while their captors looked on, amazed.

Many: Save us, O God, our God! Gather us back from exile.

One: So that we can give thanks to your holy name and join in the glory when you are praised!

Many: Blessed be our God, the God of Israel! Bless now, bless always! Let everyone say Amen! Hallelujah!

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **O God, our God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life, yet we have closed our eyes and ears and hearts against that invitation. You have shown us the way to love, yet we have chosen too often the path of uncaring. You have called us to live in your liberating kin-dom of peace and justice, but too often we have turned toward idols promising shortcuts to power, wealth, and status, assuming this was the way to fulfillment, but we lost ourselves on the way. You have called us to a ministry of reconciliation, yet often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others. You have challenged us to generosity, but many times we would rather keep to ourselves. Enter our lives, God, once again. Release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to your love, that born anew we may share your love with others. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer –

Hymn – "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

(Tim & Lyn will play while you sing, together, at home.)

- 1. Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,
With you no shadow of turning we see.
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;
All of your goodness forever will be.**

Refrain: *Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!*
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God unto me!

**2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To your great faithfulness, mercy and love. Refrain.**

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. Refrain.**

Scripture –

Hebrew: Exodus 32: 1 – 14

Epistle: Philippians 4: 1 – 9

Sermon – “Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places”

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" John Hughes with "The Rejoicing"
from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*, George Frederic Handel

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