

David's UCC on August 23, 2020

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Online Worship Bulletin



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

"Upon This Rock" Gloria Gaither and Donny McGuire

"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" Mark Andrews,
arr. by Laura Bergquist

"I Come with Joy" Setting by John Carter

Welcome – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Call to Worship – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

One: God says, "Everyone who thirsts for meaning and hope, come to the waters.

Many: Come, you have no money. Come, buy and eat!"

One: Hungry with longing, we have come to feast on the living bread, that we might minister to the world's hungers.

Many: Dry to the bone, we have come to drink of the waters of life, that we might minister to the world's thirst.

All: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, who seek after justice, for they shall be filled. Let us worship God this day, the Source of every blessing. Amen.

Back to School Blessing –

Children's Moment – "Standin' in the Need of Prayer" – *Tim Williams*

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Special Music – *Tim Williams*

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" Wm. Bradbury, arr. by Jay Rouse

Canticle – Psalm 124 (adapted, The Message)

One: Sing out people of faith, if God had not been for us when everyone was against us, we would have been swallowed alive by their violent anger.

Many: If God had not been for us.

One: We would have been swept away by the flood of rage, drowned in the torrent;

Many: If God had not been for us

One: We would have lost our lives in the wild, raging water.

Many: Oh, blessed be our God, who didn't leave us to our own devices,

One: God didn't abandon us defenseless,

Many: Helpless as a rabbit in a pack of snarling dogs.

One: We've flown free of their fangs and traps, free as a bird.

Many: Their grip on us is broken; we're free as a bird in flight.

All: *God is our help in time of trouble, the very God who created heaven earth.*

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Gracious God, Creator and Redeemer, in reverence we bow before you, giving thanks for your love and seeking your grace. Humbly we acknowledge that you have blessed us and called us to be your servants in the world. Yet we confess that we have hoarded more than our share of the world's bounty; that in silence we have consented to the oppression of our sisters and brothers; that we have failed to witness, by word and action, to the liberating truth of Jesus Christ. In Christ's name, forgive us and grant us a new birth of spirit, that we may be instruments of your oneness and of joy, of healing and of peace. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer –

Hymn – "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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

- 1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**
- 2. Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**
- 3. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**
- 4. (repeat first verse)**

Scripture –

Hebrew: Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10

Epistle: Romans 12: 1 – 8

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13 – 20

Sermon – "Courage and Kindness in Small Things (Can Make All the Difference)"

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – "Built on the Rock" Ludwig Lindeman, arr. by Larry Shackley

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