

November 10, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Minute for Stewardship

Call to Worship

Beth Stone, Lay Reader

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life long.
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.
The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous
The Lord watches over the strangers; the Lord upholds the orphan and the widow
I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life long.

**Gathering Song*

Here in this Place

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*Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive our sins; the way we build and support and collaborate with oppression. Open our eyes to the injustice of inequality. Open our hearts to righting our societal wrongs.

Forgive our excuses and our apathy. Help us follow Christ in putting the poor and vulnerable first. Help us build your beloved community where all belong and all may flourish. Amen.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.

Anthem

You are the Lord

Scripture

I Kings 17:8-16

See insert

Message

The plight of widows Rev. Edward Dunn

**Responding Song*

You will find me

*When your soul's weary, When you find doubt
When you can't hear me, Lay your troubles down
In your dark moments, When your heart's weak
Bring yourself broken, You will find me*

*Refrain: Who wrote the rain, Who wrote the sun in
Who called your name, Where are you running*

*I'm gonna be there near or far, I'm gonna meet you where you are
Who wrote the rain, Who wrote the sun in*

*When you come thirsty, When the well's dry
When your soul's dirty, I am by your side
When your faiths broken, When you can't see
With my arms open, You will find me (Refrain)*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Receiving our Offering

*Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

**Sending Song How Firm a Foundation 463*

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*Blessing

Postlude I Offer My Life and Take My Life and Let It Be