



# WELCOME

WORSHIP SERVICE AUGUST 2, 2020

FELLOWSHIP TIME 9:30  
WORSHIP TIME 10:00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* Welcome Mathewson Street UMC Members
- \* Please put your Joys & Concerns in the zoom chat box
- \* Communion today please have some juice and bread available
- \* Food pantry needs tuna, mac & cheese and T.P.
- \* August 4 Worship Committee meeting 7pm (zoom)
- \* August 5 Trustee meeting 7pm (zoom)
- \* Monetary gift to SOV use website for onetime donation and if wanting to set up automatic payments call Pam at the church office
- \* Rev. Effie McAvoy zoom office hours Tuesday and Wednesday 1 -5 please call office to set appointment and receive zoom link

**PRELUDE** Let Us Break Bread Together & Break Though Bread of Life  
Arrangement by Raney & Sherwin

**OPENING PRAYER** - Liturgist Lisa Carter - Lay Leader Mathewson Street  
Loving Creator, we come to share in your story! Today we give our hearts, and minds to you. We pray that with your help we will deepen our faith as you continue to transform our hearts as we seek to hear your word. You have always been our perfect teacher and our faithful friend. Come be with us now, inspire us to share the love and forgiveness you gave each of us with ourselves and all who come into our lives. Bring the Holy Spirit here to freely to move among us as we experience your grace. In your loving name we pray. Amen By Sandy Knapp

**OPENING HYMN** Standing on the Promises

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## **JOYS & CONCERNS**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS**

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[www.sovumc.org/give-now](http://www.sovumc.org/give-now)

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord, this money is not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

**PRAYER RESPONSE** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying  
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### **SCRIPTURE READINGS** - Liturgist Lisa Carter - Lay Leader Mathewson Street **Romans 9:1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever.

### **Matthew 14: 13-21**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

### **THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

# THANKS BE TO GOD

## MESSAGE

## YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT!

Rev. Effie E. McAvoy

### **The Great Thanksgiving Communion**

*+Written by the Rev. Chelsey Hillyer, Sr. Pastor of Union United Methodist Church, St. Louis, MO*

Meaghan Davis - Lay Leader SOV

**ALL: God of mercy and justice, be with us. We lift our hearts to you, not because we have to, not because we are supposed to, but because it's how we respond to your unconditional love, because it feels good to know we are loved.**

PASTOR: As long as there have been people to tell them, our ancestors in faith have shared stories of your mercy.

**ALL: Of how you gave food to the poor, clothes to the naked and shelter to the lost.**

PASTOR: And as long as there have been people to tell them, our ancestors in faith have shared stories of your mercy.

**ALL: Of how you gave freedom to the enslaved, opportunity to the outcast, and peace to the war-torn.**

PASTOR: You acted with both mercy and justice,

**ALL: Rescuing the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, providing them with manna when they were hungry.**

PASTOR: And your people acted with both mercy and justice,

**ALL: Like the prophets who cried out to care for widow, orphan, and foreigner, and those who provided food, shelter, and community.**

PASTOR: You have shared your mercy and justice with us not only as gifts to be received from you, but as gifts that we are to share with the world. We see this gift most clearly in the gift of your Son Jesus Christ. Jesus showed us what a life of mercy and justice looked like: In mercy, he gave food to the hungry. In justice, he broke social custom and shared tables with the powerful and the lowly at once.

**ALL: In mercy, he cared for the sick.**

**In justice, he broke religious custom and healed on the Sabbath.**

**In mercy, he had compassion for the poor.**

**In justice, he spoke out against the Empire that held them in poverty.**

**In mercy, he washed his disciples 'feet.**

**In justice, he died without protest to expose a corrupt system.**

PASTOR: On the night he was handed over to the unjust system that killed him, he protested by sharing a meal with his friends. There, he took bread, gave thanks for God's mercy in providing it, shared God's mercy by giving it to his friends, then called them to remember the injustice of his broken body every time they ate bread.

After they ate, he took the cup, gave thanks for God's mercy in providing it, shared God's mercy by giving it to his friends, then called them to remember the injustice of his spilled blood every time they drank wine.

**ALL: But that wasn't all. God's mercy and justice burst forth when Jesus died, and his resurrection gave hope to all those who hunger for mercy and thirst for justice. God will always equip those who seek to share mercy and justice. Even death cannot stop God's incredible grace.**

**PASTOR:** So, we ask God's Holy Spirit to be poured out on this meal, on these gifts of mercy: bread and juice, that we may remember Jesus ' ministry of mercy and justice that these gifts of mercy may become for us the body and blood of Christ, so that we may show mercy and do justice, not just for ourselves, but for the transformation of the world.

**ALL: The 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.**

**Giving of Bread and Cup**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

**UMH# 620**

Solo by Cristina Vandall - Accompanist Steve Haunschild

**BENEDICTION**