

WORSHIP SERVICE AUGUST 23, 2020

FELLOWSHIP TIME 9:30

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Please put your Joys & Concerns in the zoom chat box

PRELUDE Give Thanks & Now Thanks We All Our God

OPENING PRAYER - Liturgist Kristin Hayes - Leite

O God, music is the food of our souls ... but not all are musically inclined. We long to sing of you with the greatest of melodies, the sweetest of tunes, the grandest of rhythms, the purest of pitches, the fullest of sounds. We aspire for excellence in our praise, to be worthy of your greatness ... Well, perhaps our goals are a bit high ... Do you suppose you could lend a few angels from your heavenly choir? "O for a thousand tongues to sing!" One just doesn't seem to be enough. One tongue to sing; One set of ears to hear; One pair of arms to break free; One heart to rejoice. One just doesn't seem enough. "O for a thousand ...", a million. Hear our longing, O God. We are not just tongues, or ears, or arms, or hearts. We are whole persons, not just the sum of our many parts, some of which work better than others. We are whole persons who long to worship you with everything we've got; for you are the source of everything we've got, great and small. For the wholeness which you give us in the midst of our imperfection - our ability to be fully human, for this we are thankful, and our praise represents our thankfulness, our longing for more of you in our common life. Hear now our praise, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Amen By Peter Haynes

OPENING HYMN "Sanctuary" FWS #2164

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

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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 Change My Heart oh God

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Liturgist

ROMANS 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

MATTHEW 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THANKS BE TO GOD

MESSAGE “ What Has God Revealed To You? “
Rev. Effie McAvoy

CLOSING HYMN “ Take My Life and Let It Be” UMH #399

sung by Mary-Anne DesRosiers, Dorothy Fassbender, Carol Leith, Sue Dyl,
Danny Beck, & Rob Bower - accompanist Steve Haunschild

BENEDICTION