

# WORSHIP SERVICE SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

FELLOWSHIP TIME 9:30

WORSHIP TIME 10:00

Please put your Joys & Concerns in the zoom chat box

## PRELUDE

“There is a Redeemer”

## OPENING PRAYER - Liturgist - Howard Gay

God of life, whose love enfolds us, and spirit fills us,  
we praise your holy name.

God of joy, whose sunrise wakes us, and sunset amazes us,  
we praise your holy name.

God of hope, whose promise sustains us, and power upholds us,  
we praise your holy name.

God of love, whose patience humbles us, and touch can heal us,  
we praise your holy name.

God of peace, who breaks down barriers, and walls that divide us,  
we praise your holy name.

God of eternity, who has always loved us, and by grace has saved us,  
we praise your holy name. Amen

BY John Birch

**OPENING HYMN** “ I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me “ FWS 2153

## 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**

Our God Our Help in Ages Past

Flutist - Dorothy Fassbender & Accompanist Steve Haunschild

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS** - Liturgist

### **PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

### **MATTHEW 20:1-16**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

## **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**MESSAGE**

**“ WHAT’S IN IT FOR YOU”**

Rev. Effie E. McAvoy

**CLOSING HYMN**

“And Are We Yet Alive”

UMH 553 vs 1,3,4 & 5

Ensemble: Cristina Vandall, Dorothy Fassbender, & Rob Bower - Accompanist Steve Haunschild

**BENEDICTION**