

WORSHIP SERVICE SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

FELLOWSHIP TIME 9:30

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Please put your Joys & Concerns in the zoom chat box

PRELUDE

**THERE IS A REDEEMER & REDEEMED
HOW I LOVE TO PROCLAIM IT**

OPENING PRAYER - Liturgist - Donna Faria

Creator God,

you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit
through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers.

Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions
on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

Holy One, hear our prayers and make us faithful stewards
of the fragile bounty of this earth so that we may be entrusted
with the riches of heaven. Amen.

By Vanderbilt Divinity Library

OPENING HYMN

"HE IS EXALTED"

FWS#2070

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 “ MORE LIKE YOU

FWS# 2167

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Liturgist

PHILIPPIANS 2: 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

 did not regard equality with God

 as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

 taking the form of a slave,

 being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

 he humbled himself

 and became obedient to the point of death—

 even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

 and gave him the name

 that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

 every knee should bend,

 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

 that Jesus Christ is Lord,

 to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

MATTHEW 21: 23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD THANKS BE TO GOD

MESSAGE

"WHAT DOES IT TAKE"

Rev. Effie McAvoy

CLOSING HYMN

"TRUST & OBEY"

UMH#467 VS. 1,3,4

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

BENEDICTION