

# WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 8, 2020

## FELLOWSHIP TIME 9:30

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Please put your Joys & Concerns in the zoom chat box  
Communion Sunday please have juice & bread available  
Welcome Missionaries Adam & Jennifer Dalenburg

### PRELUDE “ Sing Gently”

17,572 singers from 129 countries come together to perform Eric Whitacre's "Sing Gently".  
(youtube)

OPENING PRAYER - Liturgist Corey Crovisier

God of life, we praise you for your abiding presence from generation to generation, blessing your people, strengthening us to lives of service, empowering us to witness. Hear the prayers we offer on behalf of your creation. Grant that as we serve you now on earth, so we may one day rejoice with all the saints in your kingdom of light and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

By: Vanderbilt Divinity Library

OPENING HYMN “10,000 Reasons” (“Bless The Lord”)  
(you tube)

### JOYS & CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

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### DOXOLOGY

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, this gift 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.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS** - Liturgist Corey Crovisier

1Peter 4: 8-11

**Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.**

John 15:12-17

**“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.**

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

### **MESSAGE**

### **“I Have Chosen You”**

Adam Dalenburg - Missionary

### **HYMN**

### **“Come to the Table of Grace”**

(you tube)

## **The Great Thanksgiving Communion** - Jennifer Dalenburg

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

**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.

**PASTOR: 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**

**Prayer after Receiving**

**CLOSING HYMN**

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service  
(choir)

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**BENEDICTION**