



WORSHIP SERVICE FEBRUARY 7, 2021

“WE WAIT, WE HOPE, WE STAY”

COMMUNION SUNDAY - HAVE JUICE & BREAD AVAILABLE
PLEASE PUT YOUR JOY'S * CONCERN'S IN THE CHAT BOX
WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Effie McAvoy & Sunday School Children

WELCOME

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER Sunday School

Healing God, You are working to bind up the wounds of the world.
Open us this day to be your hands and feet for a suffering people, so that
we might make a difference right where we are, contributing to your reign
on earth as it is in heaven. People: We praise you for the strength to
persevere, holding our lives together in love. Amen. By; Worship Design Studio

MUSIC Come to the Table

JOYS & CONCERNS

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, these gifts are 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 "God is Holding Your Life"

SCRIPTURE READING: Sunday School

Psalms 147:1-11

Hallelujah! It's a good thing to sing praise to our God; praise is beautiful, praise is fitting. God's the one who rebuilds Jerusalem, who regathers Israel's scattered exiles. He heals the heartbroken and bandages their wounds. He counts the stars and assigns each a name. Our Lord is great, with limitless strength; we'll never comprehend what he knows and does. God puts the fallen on their feet again and pushes the wicked into the ditch. Sing to God a thanksgiving hymn, play music on your instruments to God, Who fills the sky with clouds, preparing rain for the earth, Then turning the mountains green with grass, feeding both cattle and crows. He's not impressed with horsepower; the size of our muscles means little to him. Those who fear God get God's attention; they can depend on his strength.

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

SERMON

"Only You"

Rev. Effie McAvoy

COMMUNION

Holy and Living One, as we gather to break bread once again, break us open to your love, to your peace, to your presence, to your transformative power. In the name of the One who invites us time and again, Jesus the Christ. Let the people say, "Selah"

Selah!

We are all invited to the gift of this table of grace. As a response to the invitation, we are asked to let go of all that separates us from accepting this grace. We confess the ways we have placed hardship in the hands of others, rather than peace.

When we place peace in each other's hands, we place love in all the hands of the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen!

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Will you make a gesture of extending your cupped hands toward others who may be with you as a sign of offering the peace that Christ gives us. If you are alone, place your cupped hands over your heart, as a sign that you send your heartfelt peace out to the world.

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Open your hearts, your mouths, your lives to the Holy One.

We long for this communion.

Let us give our greatest thanks in the company of the beloved.

It is a good and joyful thing to give our thanks and praise.

Gift of Life, Creator of All That Is, You have breathed life into us, filled our emptiness, loved us through our resistance.

Time and again you say, Listen! Time and again you say, Live! Time and again you say, Love!

And so we gather and give thanks in this moment. We stop so we may listen, we breathe so we may live, we open so we may love.

Holy , holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you God, And blessed be your work in Jesus, Peace-Giver, Life-Healer.Spirit-Anointer, do your work in us, as in him.

May we proclaim release, recovery, liberty and the end of all oppression. May we savor the taste of goodness and offer this gift of love to all.

Jesus gathered with his disciples, his friends, his family. He took bread, said thanks over it, gave it to his companions and said, "Take, eat, this is my body. My life is given for love of you. So whenever you gather together, stop... Selah... think of me. Be at peace. I am here." And after the supper he lifted his cup, gave thanks over it, and offered it to his companions, saying, "Drink from this cup, all of you. This is my life, my love poured out for you. Whenever you gather together, stop... Selah... think of me. Be at peace. I am here."

And so,in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Holy Spirit, Breath of Wind,
Fill us, transform us.
Holy Spirit, Lover of Justice,
Fill us, transform us.
Holy Spirit, Maker of Unity,
Fill us, transform us.
And all God's people say, Amen!

As at communion shape your hands, into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere, united round the table.

Let us pray the Lord's Prayer together.

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.

We who are many are one body, one loaf, rising in Spirit together. Even if we cannot be physically in the same space, we are one in love. We are one in the grace of Christ broken open for us. While we have many cups, God's love is poured upon us from the one cup of salvation. It is in this sharing beyond all time and space that we are drawn close, that we are made whole, that we are made free. As you are served by those with you, or served by your own hand, know that the hand that serves you is the hand of all Christ's Body, through mystical union with the Divine. You are not alone.

Share in Communion

Prayer after Receiving

MUSIC "We Wait, We Hope, We Stay"

CLOSING PRAYER