

Order of Worship

19th Sunday After Pentecost
October 11, 2020

*Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."
Matthew 16:24*

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude Music

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 20)

Leader: In times of trouble and distress, God is always present with us.

All: When we call out, God hears us.

Leader: The name of the Lord brings comfort to heavy hearts.

All: In God's name alone do we put our trust.

Leader: The Lord will help those who seek God.

All: God will answer the prayers of the people.

Leader: We rise up and stand on the righteousness of God.

All: Let us worship God who is faithful, merciful and just!

Opening Prayer

All: Holy and Everlasting God, we come to you today placing our whole hope and trust in you and you alone. Lord God, you are merciful and just. We have gathered today to worship you because in this life there is nowhere else to turn but to you for guidance, grace mercy and love. Fill this hour with your presence among us, and guide us now as we worship, so that all we sing and speak and pray would honor your great and holy name. Amen.

Hymn of Praise "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" UMH #64 Text: Reginald Heber, 1826, Music: John B. Dykes, 1861. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

A Modern Affirmation (*Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009, © 2008 Abingdon Press. Based on Ephesians 4:1-16*).

There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

The hope in our lives is Jesus.

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The call we must answer is God's.

There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all.

The Lord of our lives is Jesus.

There is one baptism, one Father, one Mother of all.

The Creator who calls us is God.

We are one body, one family, one church,

woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.

With Christ's children throughout all of this earth,

we are one body in unity and love.

Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" Text: Lesser Doxology. Music: Charles Meineke. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NIV)

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath^[a] enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.’”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Rise Up” (A Message About God and the Pandemic) Rev. Matthew B. Sergent

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Moment “The Courageous Gift”

Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #94 UMH Words: Thomas Ken 1674, adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978. Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holly Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn "Jesus Is All the World to Me" UMH #469 Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
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1. Jesus is all the world to me,
my life, my joy, my all;
he is my strength from day to day,
without him I would fall.
When I am sad, to him I go,
no other one can cheer me so;
when I am sad, he makes me glad,
he's my friend.

2. Jesus is all the world to me,
my friend in trials sore;
I go to him for blessings, and
he gives them o'er and o'er.
He sends the sunshine and the rain,
he sends the harvest's golden grain;
sunshine and rain, harvest of grain,
he's my friend.

3. Jesus is all the world to me,
and true to him I'll be;
O how could I this friend deny,
when he's so true to me?
Following him I know I'm right,
he watches o'er me day and night;
following him by day and night,
he's my friend.

4. Jesus is all the world to me,
I want no better friend;
I trust him now, I'll trust him when
life's fleeting days shall end.
Beautiful life with such a friend,
beautiful life that has no end;
eternal life, eternal joy,
he's my friend.

Benediction

The Lord gives us strength.
The Lord blesses us with heavenly peace.
Go forth with courage and hope.
Go forth with confidence and peace.
Go forth to serve, love and live. Amen.

Postlude