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**WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICE
AND APPRECIATE YOUR VIRTUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION.**

October 4, 2020 + Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost + 10:00 AM

Bolded text - said in unison by all

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*

TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

Prelude

"Reverie" - Edward Wetherill

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Our Creator spoke to Moses on the mountain. The Holy One speaks to us today, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt."

All: Glorious God, even the firmament proclaims your handiwork.

Leader: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

All: The decrees of God are sure, making the naive wise.

Leader: The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart.

**All: The commandment of God is clear, enlightening the eyes.
Speak to us, and we will listen.**

Opening Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

UMH 154

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
4. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
6. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

Opening Prayer

Pastor: Glorious, liberating God, Thank you for bringing us together on this Sabbath day to worship you. Nourish us with your word. Guide us into holy living with your love. Fill this space with your grace that is sweeter than honey. Receive our souls with your laws that are more desired than gold. As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, we rejoice in the ways that your church is connected through your son, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: We have not believed you or trusted in your power.

All: Lord, help our unbelief.

Pastor: We have stained our souls by our action and inaction.

All: Cleanse us, Lord.

Pastor: We are broken by disease, bruised by the sins of others, weakened and unable

to repair ourselves.

All: Heal us, Lord.

Pastor: We ignore your call to center our lives in you, we fail to care for the earth, and we ignore the hopes and cries of people we encounter every day and people far from us who are poor, sick, or immigrants, or prisoners.

All: Ground us, Lord!

(Pausing for Silent Prayer ...)

Pastor: When we confess our sinful ways, God abundantly pardons.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Please share your joys and concerns in any of the following ways:

- Share it in the church's WhatsApp group (First UMC of Montclair).
- Write it as a comment on the wall of the Facebook Livestream.
- Send a text to Pastor Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Dr. Leslie Lester

Responsive Hymn

Jesus, Name above All Names

TFWS 2071

Jesus name above all names, beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, Redeemer, Living Word.

CALLED TO THE WORD

Psalter Reading

Psalm 19

UMH 750

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them God has set a tent for the sun, which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and runs its course with joy like a strong man.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and there is nothing hid from its heat.

Hymn of Illumination

Change My Heart, O God

TFWS 2152

Change my heart oh God, Make it ever true, Change my heart oh God, May I be like You

You are the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart oh God, Make it ever true, Change my heart oh God, May I be like You

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

Joe Myers

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:33-46

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Sermon

"Reconizing Ourselves"

Rev. Myungim Kim

Invitation

Pastor: By one Spirit we are all baptized into the one body,
the worldwide body of Christ that gathers this day at his table.

All **Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up our common life.**

Pastor: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you!

All: **And also with you.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to praise you.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name.

You are holy, Almighty One!

Blessed are you, Jesus Christ!

In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them good.

You called to yourself a people to make your mercy and truth known in all the world.

We betrayed your calling;

You were faithful.

We wandered from the way;

You called us to return, and led us home.

And still we turned from your ways, abused your creatures, and made ourselves slaves to sin and death.

At the right time you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing table with the unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life.

By your incarnation, life, suffering, execution, and resurrection

you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery,

made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit,

and have promised to raise us and all your people around the world

to life everlasting in your new creation.

On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood."

Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has come among us. Christ has died.

Christ has risen. Christ abides with us. Christ will come again.

Even so, pour out your Spirit on us.

Pour out your Spirit on us.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.

Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ.

Make us, through them, Christ's body alive and at work in all the world.

Abba, Father!

Let your kingdom come!

Glory to you!

Glory to you!

Come, Lord Jesus!

Be our daily bread.

Glory to you!

Glory to you!

Holy Spirit!

Send us to the world.

Glory to you!

Glory to you!

Holy, Blessed Trinity!

One God forever!

Glory to you!

Glory to you!

Glory to you now, and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Thanksgiving after Communion

Lord, you now have set your servants free to go in peace as you have promised.

For these eyes of ours have seen the Savior whom you have prepared for all the world to see! Blessing and honor and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

CALLED TO SHARE

Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

Closing Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Sending Forth

Rev. Myungim Kim

Circle of Blessing

Shalom to You

UMH 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude

"Victory in Jesus" - Eugene Bartlett

Please continue to pray for all those affected by the pandemic.