

## World Communion Sunday

### Words of Welcome

**Greetings** to all in the name of Christ our Savior! **Welcome**, guests and visitors!  
*If you are without a church home, we would love to be yours.*  
*See the end of this bulletin for contact information.*

### Hymn (LV)

WORDS: Psalm 118:24

This Is The Day

**UMH 657**

MUSIC: Les Garrett, 1967

This is the day (*this is the day*)  
that the Lord has made (*that the Lord has made*)  
Let us rejoice (*let us rejoice*)  
and be glad in it (*and be glad in it*)

*This is the day that the Lord has made.*  
*Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*  
*This is the day (this is the day) that the Lord hath made.*

### A Responsive Reading from Psalm 19

**UMH 750-751**

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.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
**the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;**  
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
**the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**  
the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever;  
**the ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.**  
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
**sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

***But who can understand one's own errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.***

Also keep your servant from the insolent;  
let them not have dominion over me!

***Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.***

***Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.***

## **Opening Prayer**

Most gracious and loving God,  
we have tasted your goodness in days gone by and it has satisfied us,  
but now with this new day we turn to you again  
for the bread of life that you have prepared for us  
and for the wine of the Spirit that you pour out for your people.

Help us Lord, to empty ourselves  
of those things that hinder us from knowing the fullness of your love  
and fill us with those things that tend to make us all that you want us to be.

We need your presence Lord.  
We need your anointing.  
Touch us, we pray, and make us whole.

We ask it through Christ Jesus your Son. Amen ✦

## **Hymn** (HM)

## Open the Eyes of My Heart

WORDS & MUSIC: Michael W. Smith, 2001

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you. I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love  
As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy.

## **Hymn** (LV)

## Something Beautiful

WORDS: Gloria Gaither, 1971

## **UMH 394**

MUSIC: William J. Gaither, 1971

Something beautiful, something good;  
all my confusion he understood;  
all I had to offer him was brokenness and strife,  
but he made something beautiful of my life.

**The Parable of the Wicked Tenants**

<sup>33</sup> “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. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup> 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.”

<sup>42</sup> 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’?

<sup>43</sup> 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. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. ✠

**Hymn**

**Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver**

**TFWS 2065**

WORDS & MUSIC: Lynn DeShazo, 1978

Lord, you are more precious than silver.  
Lord, you are more costly than gold.  
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds  
and nothing I desire compares with you.

Lord, your love is wide as the ocean.  
Lord, your love is deep as the sea.  
Lord, your love encompasses the nations,  
and that is all I want to live in me.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> 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; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> 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 <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

**Pressing toward the Goal**

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ✨

**Sermon**

## Response to the Word:

Special Music (LV)

There Is Nothing Greater Than Grace

Tracie Atkinson

Hymn (HM)

In the Breaking of the Bread

WORDS & MUSIC: Kerry William Bart, 2004

*Refrain:*

*In the breaking of the bread,  
You are made known, You fill my soul.  
In the blessing from the cup,  
You lift me up, You make me whole.*

Verse 1: My Life

In my life are times of hope and times of fear.  
There are times when no one's there to know my tears.  
But the Lord, He heard my cries,  
He took my hand, He cleared my eyes,  
And I know that Jesus lived His life for me.

*Refrain*

Verse 2: Jesus' life

Jesus lived a life of true humility.  
He healed the lame, He fed the poor, the blind made see.  
And on the night before He died,  
A holy meal He redefined:  
"When you eat and drink," He said, "Remember Me.."

*Refrain*

Verse 3: In the Church

When we take of Jesus' body and His blood  
in community we share God's holy food.  
For His people God provides:  
He gives us strength to live our lives  
filled forever with the goodness of His Son.

*Refrain (with "our", followed by final refrain with "my")*

**Celebration of Holy Communion (HM)**

**Prayers, Lord's Prayer, Blessing the Offering (LV)**

**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.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*We say "yes" to God  
and we say "thank you" to God  
as we give to God our tithes and our offerings.*

*During this time of COVID19 precautions, we do not "pass the plate,"  
but offering plates are available for your use before or after the worship service,  
and offerings can be mailed to the addresses listed below.*

### **Sending forth**

Leader: We are sent forth in the name of Jesus Christ  
in and with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**People: Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn** (LV)

WORDS & MUSIC: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

### How Great Thou Art

**UMH 77**

1. O Lord my God!  
when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*
3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die,  
I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin, *Refrain*
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home,  
what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! *Refrain*

### **Closing Hymn** (HM)

WORDS: Elise S. Eslinger, 1980

### Shalom to You

**UMH 666**

MUSIC: Trad. Spanish melody

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.

## **PK'S SCRIPTURE READING INVITATION**

I found it energizing to know others were reading the same thing I was; the point being *read Scripture*. The invitation for you to join me in reading continues:

**10/4 – 1 Samuel 1**

10/5 – 1 Sam 2

10/6 – 1 Sam 3

10/7 – 1 Samuel 4

10/8 – 1 Sam 5

10/9 – 1 Sam 6

10/10 – 1 Sam 7

**10/11 – 1 Sam 8**

10/12 – 1 Sam 9

10/13 – 1 Sam 10

10/14 – 1 Samuel 11

10/15 – 1 Sam 12

10/16 – 1 Sam 13

10/17 – 1 Sam 14

**10/18 – 1 Sam 15**

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