

THE MOUNTAIN OF FEAR AND THE MOUNTAIN OF JOY

Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸ You haven't come to a mountain that can be touched. You haven't come to a mountain burning with fire. You haven't come to darkness, gloom and storm. ¹⁹ You haven't come to a blast from God's trumpet. You haven't come to a voice speaking to you. When people heard that voice long ago, they begged it not to say anything more to them. ²⁰ What God commanded was too much for them. He said, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be killed with stones." (Exodus 19:12,13) ²¹ The sight was terrifying. Moses said, "I am trembling with fear." (Deuteronomy 9:19)

²² But you have come to Mount Zion. You have come to the city of the living God. This is the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to a joyful gathering of angels. There are thousands and thousands of them. ²³ You have come to the church of God's people. God's first and only Son is over all things. God's people share in what belongs to his Son. Their names are written in heaven. You have come to God, who is the Judge of all people. You have come to the spirits of godly people who have been made perfect. ²⁴ You have come to Jesus. He is the go-between of a new covenant. You have come to the sprinkled blood. It promises better things than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ Be sure that you don't say no to the one who speaks. People did not escape when they said no to the one who warned them on earth. And what if we turn away from the one who warns us from heaven? How much less will we escape! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth. But now he has promised, "Once more I will shake the earth. I will also shake the heavens." (Haggai 2:6) ²⁷ The words "once more" point out that what can be shaken can be taken away. I'm talking about created things. Then what can't be shaken will remain.

²⁸ We are receiving a kingdom that can't be shaken. So let us be thankful. Then we can worship God in a way that pleases him. Let us worship him with deep respect and wonder. ²⁹ Our "God is like a fire that burns everything up." (Deuteronomy 4:24) (New International Readers Version)

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PRELUDE AND CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Before we got up this morning and decided to come to church,

PEOPLE: God was waiting for us, to welcome us with grace.

Leader: When we are unsure of what to do; when we falter before the next step,

PEOPLE: We come to listen to God's voice, to learn from the One who teaches us all we ever need to know.

Leader: When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice; when our fears cripple our souls,

PEOPLE: God delivers us with steadfast love; we are set free to be God's sons and daughters.

Leader: Ever present God, hear us as we unite in prayer:

ALL: O Lord, we thank you for those who chose the way of Jesus Christ. In the midst of trial, they held out hope; In the midst of hatred, they kindled love; In the midst of persecutions, they witnessed to your power; In the midst of despair, they clung to your promise. For your love and faithfulness, we will at all times praise you. Amen

*HYMN: *"This Is the Day"* #657 UMH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE: *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* #526 vs1

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY- *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings"* #95 UMH

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING- Hebrews 12:18-29

*HYMN – *"He Lives"* #310

SERMON – *"What will Remain?"*

*HYMN – *"This Is My Song"* #437 UMH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE– *"The Trees of the Field"* #2279 TFWS

PASSING THE PEACE

Hymns can be found in the TFWS – *The Faith We Sing* and UMH- *United Methodist Hymnal*

*Please stand as you are able.

If you are visiting our church service today, we want you to know that we are glad you are here!

We invite everyone to join us down stairs after worship for a time of fellowship.

