Sunday Worship

August 9, 2020, 10 a.m.
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By Pastor Rachel B. Livingston

+GREETING

Inspired by Prayers for Ordinary Time

God transforms the weak and fearful God gives us power and might God is our loving and merciful God, By whose word we are nourished and by whose hand we are fed We declare God's deeds among the peoples And we share God's peace with the world We turn our hearts to you now God And we lift up our prayers to you. Amen.

Hymn: We Gather Together

Words: Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck, 1626; trans. By Theodore Baker, 1894

Music: 16th cent. Dutch melody; arr by Edward Kremser, 1877

UMH 131, Tune: KREMSER

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+HYMN "We Gather Together" v.1

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

+HYMN "We Gather Together" v.2

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord wast at our side, all glory be thine!

+HYMN "We Gather Together" v.3

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender will be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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Prayer

From Prayers for Ordinary Time

Lord, there is no rock like you! From you, living water flows like a river through the desert of our souls, bringing life to a parched and thirst land. Lord, there is no food that we can eat like yours. Every word from your mouth is like bread from heaven! You have spread your table before us. Fill our cups with your water of life, and satisfy your hunger with Christ, the living bread, in whose name we pray. Amen.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER
AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Words: Thomas O. Chisolm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)

Music: William M. Runyan, 1923

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+HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" v.1

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

+HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" v.2

Summer and winter and spring time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

+HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" v.3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

PSALTER: Psalm 85: 8-13

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. 9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. 10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

PSALTER: Psalm 85: 8-13 (Continued)

¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. ¹² The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³ Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

11 He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake;

¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

SERMON

Where is God Moving

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OFFERTORY: There's Something About That Name

Music: William J. Gaither, 1970 UMH 171

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DOXOLOGY

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

Music: attr. to Louis Bourgeois

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Loving and merciful Lord, by your word we are nourished and by your hands we are fed. Wash us anew, O God, as we turn our hearts to you. As you have given us your son as a justification of our souls, let us be led to give of ourselves just as you have given to us. Lead us, that the gifts we offer this morning might go to the work that you would have us to do in the world. Amen.

Hymn: God Will Take Care of You

Words: Civilla D. Martin, 1904

Music: W. Stillman martin, 1905

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Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you; beneath the wings of love above, God will take care of you.

Through the days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you; When dangers fierce yout path assail, God will take care of you.

All ye may need he will provide, God will take care of you; Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you; Lean weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you.

+BENEDICTION

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