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GREETING

UMH 477

For Illumination

Open wide the window of our spirits,
O Lord

And fill us full of light;

Open wide the door of our hearts,
**That we may receive and entertain
thee with all our powers of
adoration and love. Amen.**

PRAYER

UMH 423

Finding Rest in God

Augustine of Hippo, North Africa, 4th cent. (Mt. 11:28) and Sundar Singh, India, 20th cent.

Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in thee. In comparison with the big world, the human heart is only a small thing.

Though the world is so large, it is utterly unable to satisfy this tiny heart. The ever-growing soul and its capacity can be satisfied only in the infinite God. As water is restless until it reaches its level, so the soul has not peace until it rests in God.



Hymn:

I Am Thine, O Lord

Words: Fanny J Crosby, 1875 (Heb. 10:22)

Music: William H. Doane, 1875

Tune: I AM THINE

UMH 419

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+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:

Seek Ye First

Words: Karen Lafferty, 1972 (Mt. 6:33; 7:7)

Music: Karen Lafferty, 1972

Tune: SEEK YE Irr.

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+HYMN *“Seek Ye First”* v.1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

+HYMN *“Seek Ye First”* v. 2

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

1⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **1⁹** For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” **2⁰** Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? **2¹** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (Continued)

²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 2:13-22 (Continued)

¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰ The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body.

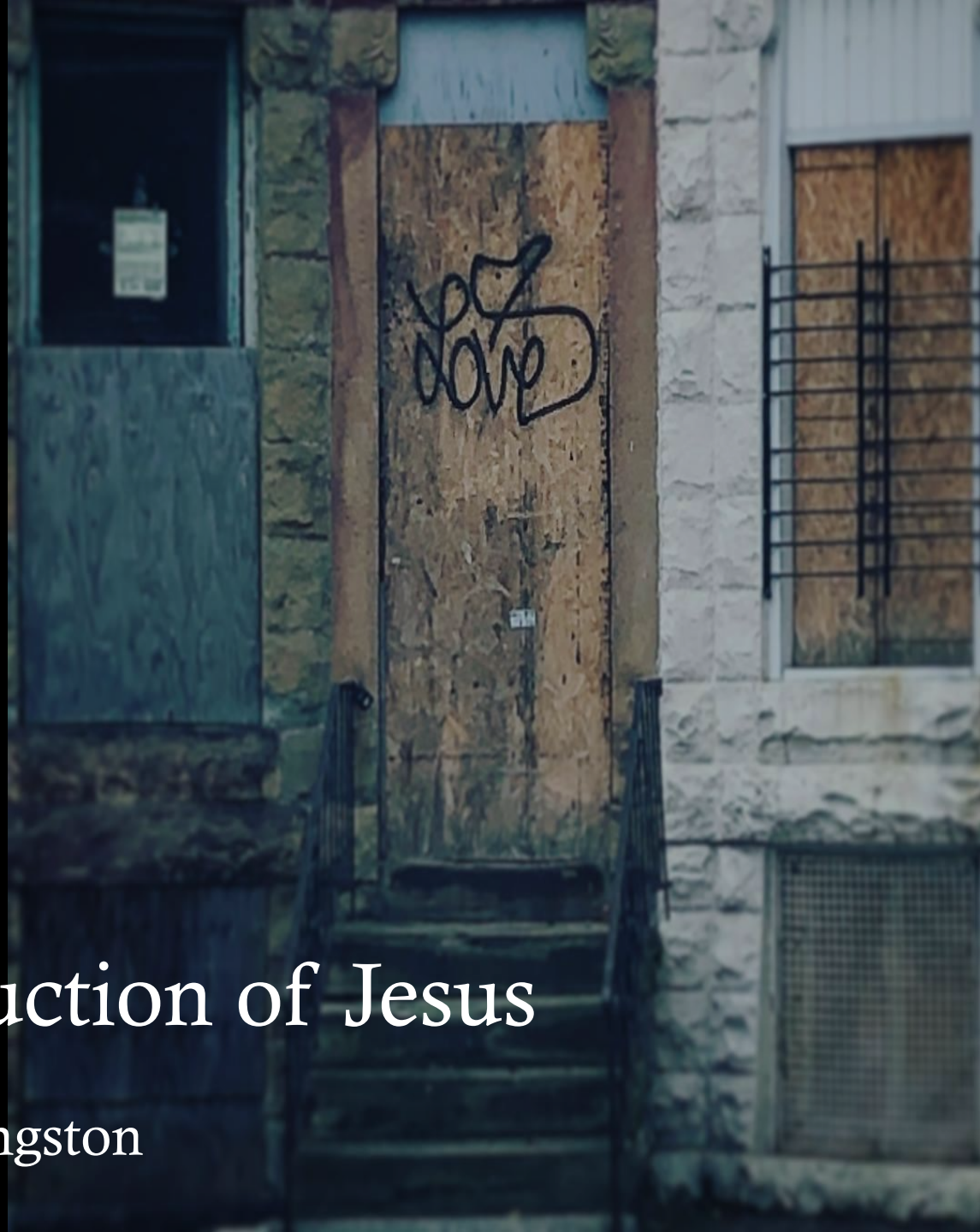
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 2:13-22 (Continued)

22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

SERMON

The Reintroduction of Jesus

Pastor Rachel B. Livingston



OFFERTORY: I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

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DOXOLOGY

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: attr. to Louis Bourgeois
UMH 95, Tune: OLD 100th
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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



+CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. ...

+CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

+CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

+CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP



Hymn:
*Jesus, Keep Me Near
the Cross*

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1869

Music: William H. Doane, 1869

Tune: NEAR THE CROSS

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+HYMN *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”* v.1

Jesus, keep me near the cross;
there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream,
flows from Calvary's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.*

+HYMN *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”* v.2

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me.

*In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.*

+HYMN *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”* v. 3

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with this shadow o’er me.

*In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.*

+HYMN *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”* v. 4

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river.

*In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.*

+BENEDICTION

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