April 28, 2024

10 AM

"Jesus said: You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last." John 15:16

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Bill Holda

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"The Broken Body"

BARBARA ALLEN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship with joy, trusting God's holy word will inspire us.

We lean into God for understanding, anticipating the Spirit's blessing.

May God hear our praise!

May we be counted among the great congregation.

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.

God, who is our rock and our salvation. Amen.

***HYMN** – No. 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses since in every respect, he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace,

that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us pray to God concerning our sin against God and our neighbor as we join together in a litany of confession.

* A LITANY OF CONFESSION

Almighty God: you alone are good and holy.

Purify our lives and make us brave disciples.

We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal, so we may serve Jesus Christ, who, tempted in every way as we are, was faithful to you. Amen.

From lack of reverence for truth and beauty; from a calculating or sentimental mind;

from going along with mean and ugly things;

O God, deliver us.

From cowardice that dares not face truth; laziness content with half-truth; or arrogance that thinks we know it all;

O God, deliver us.

From artificial life and worship; from all that is hollow or insincere;

O God, deliver us.

From trite ideals and cheap pleasures; from mistaking hard vulgarity for humor;

O God, deliver us.

From being dull, pompous, or rude; from putting down our neighbors;

O God, deliver us.

From cynicism about others; from intolerance or cruel indifference;

O God, deliver us.

From being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world; from failing to share your indignation about injustice;

O God, deliver us.

From selfishness, self-indulgence, or self-pity;

O God, deliver us.

(Time for silent prayers, reflections, and confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

In the same mercy of Christ, know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, and humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. Above all else, be loving and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.

*SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Let us greet one another in fellowship.)

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

reader, Katie Seager

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will.

Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Psalm: 22:22-31

The Lord bless the reading of these words.

The Lord bless the hearing of these words.

New Testament Lesson: Acts 18:1-11

Now, God has spoken to us through Jesus Christ the Son.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN – No. 284

"Holy Spirit, Come to Us" (4 x)

TUI AMORIS IGNEM

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:32-37
The holy word of God,
Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 1: 1-31

The word became flesh and dwelt among us.

And we beheld God's glory. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Conflicts and Divisions of the Church, the Foolishness of God"

Rev. David F. Judd

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION

INVITATION TO BECOME THE CHURCH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- A Modern Affirmation

(Adapted from the World United Methodist Council, 1986)

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic, and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, Whose mercy is over all God's works,

And whose will is ever directed to God's children and their good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

Son of God and Son of Man, a gift of our heavenly Father's unfailing grace, ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,

Whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, And find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith, our faith, should manifest itself in service of love, As set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end That the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

***HYMN** – No. 581

"Glory be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

CALL FOR OFFERING TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN – No. 609

"Doxology"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD

*HYMN - No. 637

"O Sing to the Lord"

CANTAI AO SENHOR

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Go Forth for God"

GENEVA

Welcome all, especially members of Community United Methodist Church!

May our welcome be worthy of the gracious God we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Live meal is served at 6 pm. Please call or email the church office by noon on Tuesday so we can have a meal for you. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. The menu for the coming week is chicken spaghetti, sides, salad, dessert, and drink.

The Discernment Process – Our 45-minute discussion on the book Sailboat Church continues through May 12. Call Pastor David with questions.

A discernment prayer group will meet at 9:30 on Sundays in the Sanctuary. The group will pray for the future direction of the church and other prayer needs. **The sanctuary is also open** Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and prayer guides are provided. The outdoor memorial chapel is available each day with note guides.

Your eclipse glasses can help others view safely! Please drop off eclipse glasses in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall by 15 May, when Katy Manck will mail them to AstronomersWithoutBorders.org, which will safety-test & distribute glasses to school groups, including those in South America where an annular eclipse will be visible this fall. Ask your friends, neighbors, and school, too!

St. Andrew needs **volunteers to serve breakfast at Newgate Mission** on Saturday, May 25th. Call Steve Crane at 903-452-2925 for more information.

Grace Presbytery meeting will be held in Denton on May 4th at St. Andrew Church.

Longview Community Ministries Volunteer Opportunities next week: Service Center:

- Monday, April 29: 1 person for Files/Floater
- Wednesday, May 1: 1 person for Files/Floater
- Thursday, May 2: 1 person for Interviews
- Friday, May 3: 1 person for Food Cards

Food Box:

- Wednesday, May 1: 2 people in pavilion; 1 person to pack boxes.
- Thursday, May 2: 2 people at the door; 1 person in pavilion.
- Friday, May 3: 1 person to help in the pavilion.

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611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy ful, joy ful, we a dore thee, God of glo ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
- 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.





Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove. stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise. Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.





Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea, Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.





Giv - er of im - mor -tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day. chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee. Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.



This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

284 Holy Spirit, Come to Us



The original text of this chant from Taizé is a shortened version of a text sung in the Latin mass after the reading of the gospel on Pentecost. The full text can be translated: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and ignite the fire of your love within them."



609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



high and low. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



637

O Sing to the Lord

Cantai ao Senhor



PORTUGUESE

- 1 Cantai ao Senhor um cântico novo, (3x) cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.
- 2 Porque ele fez, ele fez maravilhas, (3x) cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.
- 3 Cantai ao Senhor, bendizei o seu nome, (3x) cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.
- 4 É ele quem dá o Espírito Santo, (3x) cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.
- 5 Jesus é o Senhor! Amém, aleluia! (3x) cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.

SPANISH

- 1 Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo. (3x) ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 2 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. (3x) ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 3 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. (3x) ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 4 Es él quien nos da el Espíritu Santo. (3x) ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 5 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! (3x) ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

A Lutheran missionary musician heard this song at a pastors' conference in southern Brazil in 1982, then went home to Argentina (where he was then serving) and translated it from Portuguese into Spanish. Later, when back in the U.S.A. on furlough, he translated it into English.