



Eastern United Methodist Church

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Faith Community United Methodist Church

Pastor Ronald S. Dodson Sr.

Sunday, September 6, 2020

14th Sunday After Pentecost

9:20 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRAISE & WORSHIP: "O Give Thanks (Psalm 107)" Curtis Pitts, Keith Harmon, Choir

O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good yes, he is good (4x)

For he is worthy, worthy for he is good yes, he is good (2x)

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME: Wanda Mitchell, Lay Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP: Wanda Mitchell, Lay Leader

L: Let all who would praise Christ our Lord, gather now for worship.

P: For Christ has always loved us, even when we were not very lovable,

L: And so, we are to love others, extending kindness and care.

P: Are we even to care for those who would not wish us well?

L: Christ, God with us, died on the Cross so we would know love.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

OPENING HYMN: UMH #154 "All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name" [vs. 1,2,4,6]

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
4. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
6. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

PRAYER: Wanda Mitchell, Lay Leader

Lord, so often when others have wronged us, we have been quick to respond in kind. Too often when we have seen people hurting, in trouble, and in need we have turned and gone the other way. Forgive us, Lord. For we wronged You and You did not turn Your wrath upon us, and You saw us in need, and You did not pass us by. Help us to love others, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Wanda Mitchell, Lay Leader

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! AMEN.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6; Wanda Mitchell, Lay Leader

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Amen

MUSICAL SELECTION: Curtis Pitts, Keith Harmon, Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14; Sister Alike Redd

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 13:8-14; Brother Isaac Redd

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in

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debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:15-20; Lay Servant Herbert "Bill" Long

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Reader: This is the Word of God for all people.

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "He Is Lord"

He is Lord, he is Lord, he is risen from the dead and he is Lord.

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

HOMILY: Pastor Ron Dodson

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION

L: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

ALL: Glory to God. Amen.

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP: The pastor takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also, with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: 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.

L: Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 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.

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. 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 Father, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

L: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD, *The pastor breaks the bread and then lifts the cup, in silence or with appropriate words.*

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP *The bread and wine are given to the people, with these or other words being exchanged:*

L: The body of Christ, given for you.

ALL: Amen.

L: The blood of Christ, given for you.

ALL: Amen.

HYMN: "The Blood that Jesus Shed for Me"; Curtis Pitts, Keith Harmon, Choir

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: O Lord, Jesus Christ, you gave your life for us, and in gratitude we can do no less than serve you with our lives and all that we have. Accept these gifts as symbols of our total commitment to you and your kingdom. Amen.

DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, yet heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

CLOSING HYMN: "As You Go, Tell the World About Jesus's Music"

As we go tell the world, as we go tell the world.

Tell the world about Jesus, tell them about his love (2x)