

Service of Worship and Holy Communion on Sunday, June 6, 2021

Welcome

Prelude “I Need Thee Every Hour” *Richard Elliott*
“I Need Thee Every Hour” *Robert Lowry*
“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” *Richard Elliott (Abridged)*

Greeting God is good **all the time**. All the time **God is good**.

Question of the Day What will happen on June 12?

a) Rhubarb Fest at Thern Farm b) our food wagon will be open c) people will gather

Hymn #126 UMH “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Call to Worship

Praise be to God who reigns above the heavens.

Praise be to God who dwells within our hearts.

Let the majesty of creation worship in reverence

Let each person pray in faith.

Praise be to God!

Prayer of Invocation

Holy God, though we are many, we have come together with one purpose – to worship you with scripture and song, with silence and sacrament. May your Spirit touch us with tenderness and strengthen our commitment to follow Jesus our Savior. Amen.

I Samuel 8:4-22a New Revised Standard Version

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only – you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king

may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.” When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. The LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to their voice and set a king over them.”

Mark 3:13-35 New Revised Standard Version

He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message, and to have authority to cast out demons. So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Then he went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” – for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Response: *The Word of God, for the people of God! Thanks be to God!*

Hymn #2225 *FWS* “Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother”

Time of Prayer

How Is It With Your Soul?

Call to Confession

God does not forsake us, but we often choose other rulers. We abdicate responsibility for our own lives, in relation to our Creator, turning instead to entertainers, politicians, and financial wizards as our hope. In worship, we are recalled to our primary accountability to God.

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that we often act as if we know better than you what is right for us. We make decisions without considering your larger purposes. Our own convenience and desires are more important to us than your commands. We go our own way and then blame others for our mistakes. Our inner confusion creates division and brokenness. We hide from you rather than admitting our needs. O God, we want to face our sin and find forgiveness. Help us! (*Time of Silent Prayer*)

The One who raised Jesus from the dead offers us new life today. Our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Answer to the Question of the Day

Time of Offering *Thank you to everyone for your faithful generosity.*

Offering Prayer

Thank you, God, for your faithfulness. In amazement at the work of your hands, we reach out our hands to help others and to invite them to join your family. Use us and our offerings to do your will. Amen.

Song of Offering #95 UMH “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Sermon “Establishing a Kin-dom” Rev. Joyce Rich

Holy Communion *Have your bread and cup ready.*

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Blessed are you, O God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit created all things and called them good. In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Through Jesus’ suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death and destroyed their power for ever. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your covenant.

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.

On the night before meeting with death Jesus 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 Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the 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.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and upon these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this cup we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ’s blood, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your table for ever. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

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 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.

Sharing of the Elements

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Prayer After Receiving

Holy God, may these gifts continue to draw all into the community of your kin-dom of love. Help us to share the grace and peace of Christ. Amen.

Commission and Blessing

Who are Christ's brothers and sisters? Those who do the will of God.
Scattered, we carry that vision into the world.

We seek to love God, to love our neighbors,

To share what we have as members of the household of Christ.

May our Creator, who seeks and finds us,

may Christ, who calls and claims us,

and may the Holy Spirit, who renews us day by day,

sustain us now and evermore.

Amen. **And Amen.**

Hymn #158 UMH "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

Announcements

Readings For Next Week: I Samuel 8:4-22a; Mark 3:13-35

Postlude "Postlude in B Flat" *John E. West*

Liturgical resources drawn from: *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*, edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi © 1990 The Pilgrim Press; *Led by Love: Worship Resources for Year B*, Lavon Bayler © 1996 United Church Press; *The United Methodist Book of Worship* © 1992 The United Methodist Publishing House; and *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2*, Kimberly Bracken Long, editor © 2015 Westminster John Knox Press.