

“Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you.”
- Jeremiah 29:7a



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Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:

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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Whether we live in an apartment or a house;
if we reside in the suburbs or the city:

Many: God tells us to pray for
the places where we live.

One: Whether we are exiles or prisoners for the gospel; if we are young, old, insider, outcast:

Many: God says, 'when you search for me, you will find me.'

One: Whether we have been wandering and lost; or if we have lived in the same place all our lives:

Many: God says, 'I will gather you from all your places and bring you home.'

Hymn *"How Great Thou Art"*

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:
Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: [Refrain]

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin: [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

Prayer of Confession for a Pastoral Transition

Liturgist: Let us pray for the saving presence of our living Lord: In your world, **be present, Lord**. In this congregation, community, presbytery, and the whole church, **be present, Lord**. In the homes and hearts of all your people, **be present, Lord**.

Pastor: Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord: For work begun but not completed, Lord, have mercy. For expectations not met and for wounds not healed, Lord, have mercy. For gifts not shared and for promises not kept, Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: Let us give thanks for our journey together: For friendships made, for joys celebrated and for times of nurture and growth, **thanks be to God.** For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given and promises kept. **thanks be to God.** For our fellowship in Jesus Christ, and for the love of God which has sustained us, **thanks be to God.**

Assurance of Pardon

Response *"Gloria Patri"*

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: and also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Scripture

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7: These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. 4 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. 7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8: You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, 2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our

God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. 3For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, 4but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. 5As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; 6nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others,

7though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. 8So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Response of Praise

"Doxology"

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.

Prayer of Dedication: We can hoard the gifts with which you bless us, God of generosity, or we can share them with others. May what we offer in these moments be the very blessing, the very hope, the very peace others need. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Hymn *"May the Lord, Mighty God"*

May the Lord, mighty God,
bless and keep you forever;
grant you peace, perfect peace,
courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face,
full of grace forever;
may the Lord, mighty God,
bless and keep you forever.

Charge and Benediction

Liturgy from Thom M. Shuman: lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com