



Vestal United Methodist Church

November 21, 2021

9:30 a.m.



Welcome
Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 100 NRSV

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, we are God's.

People: We are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

All: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations!

* Opening Hymn 66 UMH

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

* Sharing Signs of Peace

Gathering Prayer

God of all the people, you have called us to walk humbly before you and to share in the struggle with the least of these, yet, we have failed to live up to this call. Open our eyes that they may see the deepest needs of people; move our hands that they may feed the hungry; touch our hearts that they may bring warmth to the despairing; teach us the generosity that welcomes strangers; guide us to share our possessions to clothe the naked; give us the care that strengthens the sick; make us share in the quest to set the prisoners free. Help us to see Christ, our King, in the face of each of your children. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.

Silence

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

Anthem

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall
Isaac Garrigues-Cortelyou and Beth Knowlton

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Scripture Reading

1 Chronicles 2:10-14

NRSV

Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you."

Children's Message

* Hymn 140 UMH

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-45

NRSV

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father,

inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

Message

Stone Soup, Revisited

Sharon Harris

Living the Faith

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Blessing of the Pledges

Offering Ourselves to God

We Shall Be Known

Isaac Garrigues-Cortelyou and Beth Knowlton

MAMUSE

* **Hymn 399 UMH**

Take My Life, and Let It Be

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational Response 2173 FWS** *Shine, Jesus Shine* [chorus, verse 3, chorus]

Postlude

Opening Hymn 66: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834; MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor
to all people in distress;
praise God, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious now God's faithfulness.

3. Father-like, God tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame God knows;
mother-like, God gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet God's mercy flows.

4. Angels in the heights, adoring,
you behold God face to face;
saints triumphant, now adoring,
gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Hymn 140: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

Closing Hymn 399: Take My Life, and Let It Be

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1873

MUSIC: Louis J. F. Hérold, 1839; arr. George Kingsley, 1839

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Response 2173: Shine, Jesus, Shine

WORDS & MUSIC: Graham Kendrick, 1987

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Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)