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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Harlan Otter

Words to Ponder:

New life comes through change. A new beginning is always near. Embrace the changes God is bringing.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Rule of Life" Chancel Choir
by Edward Bonnemere

***Call to Worship** Scott Caldwell

God will create a new heaven and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

God rejoices over Jerusalem, and takes delight in God's people.

The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. Before we call out, God will answer.

While we are still speaking, God will hear.

The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all God's holy mountain.

We worship the one who makes all things new.

***Opening Prayer**

There is no place to turn, O God, for the comfort we desire; no place, but to you alone, O Lord. Bless us this day, that we might be a blessing to others. Bless us this day, that we might be faithful witnesses to life in Christ Jesus, our redeemer and Lord. In our songs and prayers, in our scriptures and spoken words, reveal your purposes to through the power of your Holy Spirit. We are here, O Lord. Equip us for ministry with the faith and assurance only you can provide. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "This is the Day of New Beginnings" UMH#383

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Pat Tripp

The one who was and is and is to come prepares our hearts to receive Christ's peace anew. Let us share this peace with one another. (B. J. Beu)

Children's Message Jan Parsons

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Scott Caldwell

We bow before you, O Lord, to acknowledge our failings. We ask forgiveness: for words spoken in cruelty, for behavior that tears down, for failing the ministries of your church, for preferring temporal wealth to riches in your Spirit. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us into fullness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance Pat Tripp

Surely God is our salvation. Place your trust in God and do not be afraid, for the Lord is our strength and our salvation. (B. J. Beu)

Hymn of Response "It Is Well With My Soul" UMH#377

Scripture Reading Isaiah 12 Scott Caldwell

Thanksgiving and Praise

12 You will say on that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
and you comforted me.

2 Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and will not be afraid,
for the LORD^[a] is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation."

3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **4** And you will say on that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD;
call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.

5 Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal^[b] Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Scripture Reading 2 Peter 1:16-18 and 3:18 Scott Caldwell

Eyewitnesses of Christ's Glory

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17** For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved,^[a] with whom I am well pleased." **18** We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.^[a]

(Musical Interlude)

Gospel Reading Luke 21:5-19 Scott Caldwell

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, **6** "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

7 They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" **8** And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!'^[a] and, 'The time is near!'^[b] Do not go after them.

9 "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." **10** Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; **11** there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

12 “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. **13** This will give you an opportunity to testify. **14** So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, **15** for I will give you words^[e] and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. **16** You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. **17** You will be hated by all because of my name. **18** But not a hair of your head will perish. **19** By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Reflecting on God’s Message “A Stone.” Pat Tripp

Prayers of the People Pat Tripp

Invitation of the Offering Pat Tripp

Offertory Anthem "Thy Word"
By Amy Grant Chancel Choir

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH # 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

Offering Prayer Pat Tripp

Eternal God, we draw life in your presence. You have created and sustained us to meet the challenges we face each day. May the gifts and offerings we bring before you reflect the light of Christ that shines in our lives, a light that can heal the world. In our living and in our giving, help us act in concert with your ways, that the world might see in us the power of your Spirit. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn** “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” UMH#717

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.
Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Benediction

May the strength of God be with you. May you never tire of the work God calls you to do for the benefit of God’s kingdom. Go forth with the power of the Holy Spirit. Go to share the good news of the gospel with everyone you meet, for Christ is alive, alive in you! Amen.

Postlude

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*Dürer, Albrecht, 1471-1528. Sun of Righteousness

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost | 11.13.2022 | 9:30 am

You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.

Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here! Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.