

Blakemore United Methodist Church
Worship
9/6/2020 (9:30 am)

Gathering

Announcements

Prelude

Prayers of the People

Centering

God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Let's pray:

**It is good to be together, God,
on these screens, with these people,
together listening for your voice,
united by your Spirit.
In this time of worship
tell us about your kingdom of kindness
so that we can seek it.
Show us your justice.
We want to walk with you,
humbly, closely, daily.**

Hymn - "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" *The United Methodist Hymnal* #559

Verse 1

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.

Verse 2

To this temple, where we call the,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today!
With thy faithful loving-kindness
Hear thy people as they pray,
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always.

Verse 3

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
What they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory
Evermore with thee to reign.

Verse 4

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory,
While unending ages run.

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18: 15-20

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you’ve won over your brother or sister. But if they won’t listen, take with you one or two others so that *every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses*. But if they still won’t pay attention, report it to the church. If they won’t pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector. I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I’m there with them.”

Sermon: Amanda Diamond

Discussion and Reflection

Hymn “He Who Began a Good Work in You”-- *The Faith We Sing* #2163

He who began a good work in you,
He who began a good work in you
Will be faithful to complete it,
Will be faithful to complete it.
He who started the work
Will be faithful to complete it in you.

Responding

Invitation to Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

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 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.**

Assurance of Pardon

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.

The 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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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.**

Special Music

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