

Connecting to Jesus... The Power of Hope

July 8, 2018

8:15 and 9:45 AM Traditional Worship

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PREPARATION

Love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless – cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it.

1 Peter 4:8-11, The Message

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out your prayer request cards during this time. Pass only prayer requests that you wish to have read aloud to the center aisles at this time.

PRELUDE

“Are Ye Able?”

H.S Mason arr. Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP[†]**

Leader: Lord, teach us to love as you love, to reach, touch, and lift, as you.

People: **Teach us to see, beyond what is clear, to the pain, fear and need that you see.**

Leader: Give us willing hands to hold, as you, the broken and hopeless, and so restore.

People: **Give us hearts to weep for your world, as you weep for the broken places.**

ALL: **Lord, hold us to your light, to see your way, to live beyond ourselves, and follow you.**

***OPENING HYMN**

“Christ for the World We Sing”

United Methodist Hymnal, No. 568

(stanzas 1-3)

OPENING PRAYER^{††}

Ever-loving God, who having loved us loves us still, help us to hear again your word, “By this shall they know you are my disciples; that you love one another.” Turn our hostility into hospitality and our callousness into care. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

(Sing first stanza of Jesus Loves Me, #191, as children gather)

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY’S SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

New Testament, p. 29

OFFERING OF MUSIC

“Sermonette”
Paul & Denise Stegall

Jon Hendricks &
Julian “Cannonball” Adderly

MESSAGE

“With Us... Insiders and Outsiders”
(7th in the series, *Connecting to Jesus... The Power of Hope*)

Rev. Sharon Ragland
Elizabeth Heft

CALL TO PRAYER

“Pass It On ” (8:15)
(stanzas 1 & 2)

UMH, No. 572

“What a Beautiful Name” (9:45)
Summer Praise Choir

Hillsong Worship

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

Offertory

“Prayer is the Soul’s Sincere Desire” (8:15)
Sondra Franks

Nageli arr. Duro

"Flawless" (9:45)
Summer Praise Choir

*Doxology

Tune of No. 95, *UMH*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Circling through earth so all may grow;
Vanquishing fear so all may give;
Widening grace so all may live.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN**

"The Servant Song" *The Faith We Sing*, No. 2222

***SUNG BENEDICTION**

"Shalom to You" *UMH*, No. 666

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him" Willcox arr. L. Smith

†adapted from "Teach Me", by Eleanor Cowles, in *Alive Now*, January-February, 2014

††from Rueben P. Job and Norman Shawchuck, "A Guide to Prayer for All God's People"