

Fruitland and Payette United Methodist Churches
September 6, 2020

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Prelude: (violin and piano) "Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart" by F. C. Atkinson

Welcome and Announcements

Iran and Jim Trenkel are our musicians
Leona Whitcomb is the liturgist
Rev. Donald Watt is our guest preacher

Welcoming the Light of Christ

Interlude: (violin and piano) "Amazing Grace" early American hymn tune arranged by Don Whitman

Ring the Church Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord."

People: Yea, our heart is glad in God, because we trust in God's holy name.

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs and words of praise!

People: We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.

Calling Song "All Creatures of our God and King" #62 UM Hymnal

1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!
Refrain
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,
By which all creatures ye sustain
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Refrain
3. O sister water, flowing clear,
Make music for they Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night,

Providing warmth, enhancing sight,

Refrain

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them God's glory also show!

Refrain

Responsive Reading from Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens,
Praise the Lord, in the heights

**People: Praise the Lord, all his angels,
Praise the Lord, all his hosts!**

Leader: Praise the Lord, sun and moon,
Praise the Lord, all shining stars!

**People: Praise the Lord, highest heavens,
And all waters above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
Who commanded and they were created,

**People: who established them for ever and ever,
And fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth,
Sea monsters and all deeps,

**People: Fire and hail, snow and smoke,
Stormy wind fulfilling God's command!**

Leader: Mountains and all hills,
Fruit trees and all cedars!

**People: Beasts and all cattle,
Creeping things and flying birds!**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples,
Princes and all rulers of the earth!

**People: Young men and maidens together,
Old men and children!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
Whose name alone is exalted,
Whose glory is above earth and heaven.

**People: God has raised up a horn for his people,
Praise for all his faithful ones,
For the people of Israel who are near their God.
Praise the Lord!**

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 spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,**

**Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at 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 Spirit,
The holy catholic church
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

Unison Invocation

O God, you have bound us together in this life. Help us to understand how we can share and work together to change and transform our society and this world, so that it might more fully reflect your spirit. Also, o Lord, give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, the industry, the honesty, and the integrity of all who labor. May we be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness, and faithful in our responsibilities to them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn "For the Healing of the Nations" #428 UM Hymnal

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
Help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
Fear may die, and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may be hallow life's brief span,
May we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
That by our response and service earth its destiny may find,
Earth its destiny may find.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Exodus 12:1-4 and Romans 13:8-12

Message ("Looking toward Change" Rev. Don Watt

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
And so, with your people on earth
And all the company of heaven
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

(Pastor continues and concludes with:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in
Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
As a holy and living sacrifice,
In union with Christ's offering for us,
As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

(Pastor concludes communion service)

Commitment Hymn "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee" #175 UM Hymnal

1. Jesus, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.
2. O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek
to those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!
3. But what to those who find!
Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus what it is,
None but his loved ones know.
4. Jesus, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
And through eternity.

Unison Benediction:

May the peace of the LORD Jesus go with you

wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

Postlude: (organ and piano duet) "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
Arranged by William Tomer