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July 21, 2024 10:00 am ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Invitation and Gathering

Prelude

"Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" (UMH 596) J.S. Bach, J. G. Walther

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Welcome Rev. Patricia Abell

Gathering Song "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (vs. 1) UMH 139

1. Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

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Call to Worship Edie Candee

One: Welcome home, friends of Jesus, followers of the Way, family of God.

All: In the palm of God's hand, we are safe, secure, and beloved.

One: Welcome home, neighbors and weary travelers. This is a place where you belong.

All: Under this shelter of love and justice, we are protected from the storms of hate and winds of isolation.

One: All living things need shelter. We find safety, warmth, and peace when we come together in worship.

All: May the Spirit of God be home in our hearts as we worship under the wide wings of our Creator.

Opening Prayer Edie Candee

Ever-present God.

you are with us as we wander and when we return home.

You are our shelter, even when we have no place to rest.

You are our home, because home is a place where we feel loved, where we belong.

You will never abandon us or kick us out.

As we worship you together today, help us be a shelter to those in need.

May all feel a sense of belonging and safety here.

Open our minds and hearts to the ways we can be a welcoming community to all who need a place to rest. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Edie Candee

God of all shelter,

You have given us everything we need to thrive on Earth, but we have not always used our blessings wisely.

Instead of housing everyone, we have hoarded land and buildings, choosing profits and power over people.

Instead of celebrating the rainforests—the oxygen-creating lungs of our planet—

we have destroyed much of them and the home they provided for living beings.

Instead of using sustainable materials, we have filled the oceans with plastic, choking out the habitats in the sea.

Instead of considering our neighbors who live beside the rising waters of the seas, we have continued to pollute the skies and warm the climate.

But we know when we repent, you are faithful to transform us into compassionate people who seek shelter for God's creatures. Call us back to generosity and increase our compassion for the lives around us.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Edie Candee

ONE: In the name of Jesus you are forgiven.

ALL: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace Edie Candee

The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

*Opening Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" UMH 529

- 1. How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord Is laid for your faith in His excellent word What more can He say than to you He hath said To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled
- 3. When through the deep waters I call thee to go The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress
- 2. Fear not I am with thee o be not dismayed For I am thy God and will still give thee aid I'll strengthen and help thee and cause thee to stand Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand
- 4. When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie My grace all-sufficent shall be thy supply The flame shall not hurt thee I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

5. The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose I will not I will not desert to its foes
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake I'll never no never no never forsake

Scripture Psalm 104: 1-9 (CEB) Edie Candee

Hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" **UMH 361**

Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure

2. Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill the law's demands Could my zeal no respite know Could my tears forever flow All for sin could not atone Thou must save and thou alone 3. Nothing in my hand I bring Simply to the cross I cling Naked come to thee for dress Helpless look to thee for grace Foul I to the fountain fly Wash me Savior or I die

4. While I draw this fleeting breath When mine eyes shall close in death When I soar to worlds unknown See thee on thy judgment throne Rock of Ages cleft for me Let me hide myself in thee

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Message "Shelter Protects Life" Rev. Patricia Abell

Prayer of the People, Church & World

Edie Candee

Lord's Prayer Edie Candee

Offering

*Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God All creatures here below
Alleluia alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia

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Offering Prayer

*Closing Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

UMH 546

- 1. The church's one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ our Lord
 We are His new creation
 By water and the Word
 From heaven He came and sought us
 That we might ever be
 His living servant people
 By His own death set free
- Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees us oppressed
 By schisms rent asunder
 By heresies distressed

- 2. Called forth from every nation
 Yet one o'er all the earth
 Our charter of salvation
 One Lord one faith one birth
 One holy name professing
 And at one table fed
 To one hope always pressing
 By Christ's own Spirit led
- Mid toil and tribulation
 And tumult of our war
 We wait the consummation
 Of peace forevermore

Yet saints their watch are keeping Their cry goes up how long But soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song Till with the vision glorious
Our longing eyes are blest
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest

5. We now on earth have union
With God the Three in One
And share through faith communion
With those whose rest is won
Oh happy ones and holy
Lord give us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly
On high may dwell with Thee

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Benediction Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

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Question for Reflection

2 Samuel 7:1-7a, Ephesians 2: 11-22, John 10:9.

God promised to build King David into a "house." Paul told the Ephesians that in Christ they would be built into "a dwelling place for God." How is the Holy Spirit living in you?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One who is Holy Three, I praise you as I rise from my bed.
As the morning dew glistens and songbirds greet the day,
let my prayers go up to you.

Awaken my body to the wonder of life and fill my spirit with the joy of your presence.

I seek your guidance as I prepare for activity; Instruct me on what is necessary and what is fruitless

so that I wisely use the gifts you give me.

Let me see all people as your beloved children,

some needing care, some needing forgiveness,

all deserving dignity, respect, and hospitality.

If it is your will, protect me from harm.

In all events, grant me the comfort of your presence so that I can faithfully obey your will.

Spare others suffering because of my sinfulness.

Let me bear witness to your goodness
in my words, my actions, and my silences so that you can use me
to draw others into your presence.

Bring us together into the time when Christ Jesus comes
and all sorrows are wiped away.

Then all will be one and joined to you in love by the grace of our same Lord Jesus Christ, who, together with you and the Holy Spirit, is worshiped and glorified now and forever. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Majesty of holiness, thank you for another day lived in your grace.

Thank you for all whom I met who showed me your kindness.

Help me to repent of my sins before I go to my bed this night.

Let me receive the blessing of forgiveness and enter a period of rest with the burdens of the day lifted from me, and the comfort of your peace as a pillow for my head.

If it is your will, speak to me as I sleep, and let me remember your words as I rise to a new day, giving you thanks and praise, one God in three persons forever. Amen.

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