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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

All The Way My Savior Leads Me

arr. Blake

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Opening Words

United Church of Christ

One: A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

Many: Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--

One: Pray for your communities.

Many: Keep God in the center of all that is.

One: We enter in to worship today with hope in our hearts.

Many: For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as God desires.

One: God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

Many: and we can trust the promise.

* Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn

Great is thy faithfulness

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1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness! Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Congregational Prayer

Song

Seek the Peace of the City

Wright/Clemens

Voices Together #206

1. Seek the peace of the city;
make this land your home.
I have set you here to prosper;
make this land your home.
2. Seek the peace of your neighbor,
enemy or friend.
I can break the hardest heart,
enemy or friend.
3. Seek the peace of the exile,
stranger on the road.
I will walk along beside you,
stranger on the road.
4. Seek the peace of the Savior;
I will draw you near.
I will bring you home forever;
I will draw you near.
5. Seek the peace of the city;
find me in this place.
I have brought you here to know me;
find me in this place.

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

John 3:16 is a verse most of know well but have you ever thought about it in terms of giving?

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

God gave His only son. Why? Because He loves us and that love meant he had to do something. Love requires an action.

In the same way you give someone a gift, not because they expect it or you feel obligated to give it, but because you love them. It's the natural response.

Don't give out of a feeling of obligation or routine, but give because you love the vision of this church, give because you love this city and want to see them reached for Christ.

Special Music

Arioso

George Frideric Handel

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 (NRSV)

Jeremiah's Letter to the Exiles in Babylon

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters

in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Sermon “The Politically Incorrect Jeremiah:
Part 4 – Love Where you Live!”

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*** Closing Hymn** *Build Your Kingdom Here*

Come set your rule, and reign
in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray.
Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.
We are Your church. We need Your power in us.

We seek Your kingdom first.
We hunger and we thirst.
Refuse to waste our lives
for You're our joy and prize.
To see the captive hearts released,
the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your church. We pray revive this earth.

Chorus:

Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Unleash Your kingdom's power
reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop
your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this,
awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.

Chorus

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* **Benediction**

Postlude

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

arr. Martin

* Please stand as able and led



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