

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

Macon, Georgia

July 26, 2020

Online Sanctuary Worship

Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Nita Crump

Introduction

Rev. Dr. Marcus Tripp, Pastoral Care Minister

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-10, 42-43

The Steadfast Love of the Lord THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

You are invited to sing the refrain with the ensemble.

Reflect on this sweeping account of God's history with Israel.

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.
Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.
Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Search for the Lord and the strength of the Lord; continually seek the face of God.
Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,
O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen.
The Lord is our God, whose judgments prevail in all the world.
The Lord has always been mindful of the covenant,
the promise made for a thousand generations:
The covenant made with Abraham, the oath sworn to Isaac,
which God established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel.
For God remembered the holy promise and Abraham, chosen to serve.
So God led forth the people with gladness, the chosen ones with shouts of joy.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God,
we try to fix and fasten you,
but you will not be stayed.
You are love in motion:
always breathing us into being,
calling us to serve,
sustaining us in the wilderness.
Come to us as the morning breaks.
Soften what has grown dry and brittle in our hearts
until we worship with abandon,
for we pray in the name of the Son you sent
and through the Spirit that gives us life. **Amen.**

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Proclaiming

Prayer for Illumination

Prayer for Guidance

Allen Pote

Teach me your ways, make them known to me.
Teach me to live according to your truth.
Because you are my Savior
all day long I trust in you.
O remember your kindness and constant love
which you have shown from long ago.
Forgive the sins and errors of my youth.
Remember me, O Lord. (Psalm 25 paraphrase)

Scripture

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Where Does the Sky Start?

Rev. Dr. Nita Crump

Responding

Hymn

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

Soloist: What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

Soloist: What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;
watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.

Soloist: What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

Soloist: What is the world like when God's will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.

All: These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God's will is done.

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Sending

Anthem

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter\

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them everyone.

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

Charge

Go – as seed and yeast,
willing to lose your life in the larger purposed of God.
Go – as fisherfolk and treasure seekers,
pouring out your days in search of hidden grace.

Benediction

Worship Leadership:

The Reverend Dr. Nita Crump, Senior Pastor
Mary Kathryn Borland, Doris Granum, Lisa Shepard, Beth Tripp, and Lynneth Whitten, Ensemble
Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries and Organist
Steve Moretti and Sarah Pounds, Production and Editing

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