

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

Macon, Georgia

November 15, 2020

Recorded Online Sanctuary Worship

Gathering

Call to Worship

Psalm 5:11-12

Let all who take refuge in you rejoice;

let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them,

so that those who love your name may exult in you.

For you bless the righteous, O Lord;

you cover them with favor as with a shield.

Come, let us joyfully worship God!

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Prayer of the Day

from Psalm 123:1-4; Matthew 25:23

God of righteousness,

you overcome those who abuse their power
and lift up those who suffer.

Even now, when evil seems to hold sway,
we know that you will have the last word.

Keep us faithful as we wait and watch for your coming realm,
when you will welcome all your children
into your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Amen.

Proclaiming

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Scripture

Matthew 25:14-30

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.****Sermon***Working While We Wait*

Rev. Dr. Nita Crump

We work while we wait for our Lord Jesus Christ. This work is a part of our sanctification. The outcome of our work should bring joy to the Lord. Our reward will be entering into the joy of our Lord.

Responding**Solo***Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

arr. Mark Hayes

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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**Hymn***God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

HOLY MANNA

God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
we your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you,
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings, row on row;
yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below,
where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow,
lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;
know the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are on.

Benediction

Worship Leadership:

The Reverend Dr. Nita Crump, Senior Pastor

Camilla Packroff, Doris Granum, Beautiful Sheriff, Luke Baker and Sam McDaniel, Ensemble

Sam McDaniel, baritone

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

Steve Moretti and Davis Perkins, Production and Editing

Credits:

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