

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

Macon, Georgia

November 8, 2020

Recorded Online Sanctuary Worship

Gathering

Call to Worship

Psalm 78:1-7: *People of the Lord*

JENNY VAN TSCHEGG

Today's lectionary psalm, Psalm 78, calls us to worship.

People of the Lord, listen to my voice.

Hear the ancient words. Once again rejoice! *Refrain*

*What we have heard, what we have known,
let our tongues tell our sons and daughters
the wonders of our living God,
that they may join us in the chorus.*

Tell of God's great deeds. Teach God's loving law
that faith's precious seed in each heart may grow. *Refrain*

Tell the news till each generation knows.

They, in turn, will teach those yet to be born. *Refrain*

May we trust in God, rest in God's strong hand,
live in God's strong love, follow God's commands. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

inspired by Psalm 78

O God, Beginning and Completion,

in Jesus Christ you confirmed your covenant with us
and sealed every promise in his blood.

Empower us through your Holy Spirit to teach all you have commanded,
tell all you have done, and live as those who are deeply and eternally loved,
for the glory and praise of your name. Amen.

Proclaiming

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

YISRAEL V'ORAITA

We pray exuberantly using this paraphrase of Psalm 78.

Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's Word.

Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!

God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, now let them hear;

they who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word.

Scripture

Matthew 25:1-13

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

Sermon

In the Meantime

Rev. Dr. Nita Crump

Christ will come again. We are called to be ready. In the time between now
and meeting Christ face to face, our choices and our priorities are important.

Responding

Anthem

Keep Your Lamps!

Spiritual
arr. by André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary 'till your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

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

Solo

Prepare Thyself, Zion

J. S. Bach

Prepare thyself, Zion, with tender affection, the purest, the fairest, this day to receive.

Benediction

Worship Leadership:

The Reverend Dr. Nita Crump, Senior Pastor
Luke Baker, Mary Kathryn Borland, Caleb Esmond, Doris Granum, and Katie Trotter, ensemble
Camilla Packroff, soprano
Katie Trotter, violin
Steve Moretti, percussion
Sam McDaniel, organ
Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries
Steve Moretti and Davis Perkins, Production and Editing

Credits:

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People of the Lord

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Prayer of the Day

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Keep Your Lamps!

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Prepare Thyself, Zion

From Christmas Oratorio J. S. Bach

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We are thankful for your continued support of the calling and mission of our church as we strive to shine the light of Christ across our community and to help those in need.

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