

September 13th, 2020
Preacher: Rev. Jason Hefner
Liturgist: Jan Farrington



Scripture lessons of the day:
Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:8-13
Matthew 18:21-35

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GATHERING

Prelude
Stewart

“Jesus is All the World To Me”

Pam

Mark Hayes

Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

L: People of God, bless the Lord,

C: bless God’s holy name.

L: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

C: so great is God’s steadfast love for us.

Hymn

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Kitty Fischer

*There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
there’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God’s Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.*

Confession and Pardon

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all. Amen.

Personal Prayer of Confession (in silence)

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Peace

Gloria

Kitty Fischer

*Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

HEARING

Time with Young Disciples

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

Forgiveness is as Forgiveness Does

RESPONDING

Offerings Online: The Offertory

<https://onrealm.org/faithupchurch/give/now>

“Love Moved First”

James Anderson

Mark Hall, Matthew West, Bernie Herms

Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.*

Commissioning Stephen Ministers

O God, we ask you to take our sisters, Christie Campbell, Nancy Tilley, and Heather Pleunik and our brother, John Davison, into your care. You have blessed them with particular gifts and talents and have provided them with an opportunity to learn more about helping people. May they serve you with the power of the Holy Spirit; may they be quick to serve, patient in listening, willing to share themselves with people. Give to us thankful hearts for them, and show them in times of stress and satisfaction a special measure of your mercy and joy. Keep them strong in the faith you have given them for the sake of Jesus, who cares for all of us in every way forever. Amen.

Hymn

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Kitty Fischer

*I'm Gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

Litany of Remembrance

L: We worship God as we remember before Him our friend and church family member Freda Andreone. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; all who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live..."

C: ...and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

L: We praise You for Your servant Freda. She lived her life in faith, and hope and love, and now lives eternally with You in heaven.

C: We thank You for the gift of her life, for all in her that was good and kind and faithful.

L: We thank You for the grace You gave Freda that kindled in her the love of Your dear name.

C: We thank You that for Freda death is past and pain ended, and that she has now entered the joy and peace You have promised and prepared for each of us.

L: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory over death, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Lord, in your mercy...*Hear our 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

SENDING

Choral Benediction

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

Kitty Fischer

*God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

Pastoral Charge & Benediction

The sanctuary flowers today are given by Dan and Barb Wheatcroft who are praying for the health of their Faith family, and honoring their Faith UP Staff.