

First United Methodist Church of Elgin

April 11, 2021

Prelude

Dr. Mindy Pugh

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

L. Smith

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Felicia LaBoy

Announcements

Cindy Palm, Lay Servant

Call to Worship

Cindy Palm, Lay Servant

It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

We are not sure we are ready for that.

Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision he places before us.

Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways.

Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Worship & Song #3001

Matthew Weber, accompanied by Dr. Mindy Pugh

Opening Prayer

Cindy Palm, Lay Servant

Almighty God, Word, and Wisdom, we pray for the gift of your vision. Help us to want the things you want, to love the people whom you love, and to follow where you lead us. Grant us the courage to embody your Word in our actions, to surrender ourselves to your Holy Spirit, to embrace one another, and to express your love for the world. Empower us to another way of living as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

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Offertory

Dr. Mindy Pugh

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

R. Hughes

Scripture Reading

Cindy Palm, Lay Servant

John 21:1-14 (MSG)

1-3 After this, Jesus appeared again to the disciples, this time at the Tiberias Sea (the Sea of Galilee). This is how he did it: Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed “Twin”), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the brothers Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter announced, “I’m going fishing.”

3-4 The rest of them replied, “We’re going with you.” They went out and got in the boat. They caught nothing that night. When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they did not recognize him.

5 Jesus spoke to them, “Good morning! Did you catch anything for breakfast?”

They answered, “No.”

6 He said, “Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens.”

They did what he said. All of a sudden, there were so many fish in it, they weren’t strong enough to pull it in.

7-9 Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Master!”

When Simon Peter realized that it was the Master, he threw on some clothes, for he was stripped for work and dove into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they weren’t far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish. When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread cooking on it.

10-12 Jesus said, “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught.” Simon Peter joined them and pulled the net to shore—153 big fish! And even with all those fish, the net didn’t rip.

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Scripture Reading continued

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John 21:1-14 (MSG)

12 Jesus said, “Breakfast is ready.” Not one of the disciples dared ask, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Master.

13-14 Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus had shown himself alive to the disciples since being raised from the dead.

Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Felicia LaBoy

Meditation

“Who Am I”

M Hall

Matthew Weber, accompanied by Dr. Mindy Pugh

Sermon Texts

Rev. Dr. Felicia LaBoy

Habakkuk 2:1-4 (NKJV)

¹I will stand my watch
And set myself on the rampart,
And watch to see what He will say to me,
And what I will answer when I am corrected.

²Then the Lord answered me and said:

“Write the vision
And make *it* plain on tablets,
That he may run, who reads it.

³For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time;
But at the end, it will speak, and it will not lie.
Though it tarries, wait for it;
Because it will surely come,
It will not tarry.

⁴“Behold the proud,
His soul is not upright in him;
But the just shall live by his faith.

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Sermon Texts continued

Rev. Dr. Felicia LaBoy

Proverbs 29:18 (MEV)

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish;
but happy is he who keeps the teaching.

Proverbs 29:18 (MSG)

18 If people can't see what God is doing,
they stumble all over themselves;
But when they attend to what he reveals,
they are most blessed.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Felicia LaBoy

Sermon Series: Living Into God's Vision Vision and Identity

Closing Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

United Methodist Hymnal #451

Matthew Weber, accompanied by Dr. Mindy Pugh

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Felicia LaBoy

Response

"As We Go"

Worship & Song #3183

Matthew Weber, accompanied by Dr. Mindy Pugh

Postlude

Dr. Mindy Pugh

"Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet"

C. Simone

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