

First United Methodist Church of Elgin
October 25, 2020

Prelude

Jonathan Besançon

Welcome & Announcements

Cindy Palm, Lay Servant

The Call to Worship

Matthew Weber

Come, let us worship Almighty God.

Let us lift up our songs, our prayers, our praises.

Come, let us honor Christ Jesus.

Let us love Christ with our hearts, our minds, our spirit.

Come, let us be filled with the Spirit of the Living God.

Breathe in us, Breath of God. Alleluia!

Opening Song

“He’s Got the Whole World”
arr. Moses Hogan

Laura Johnson

Opening Prayer

Matthew Weber

Be gracious to us today our Lord, for we are in need of your mercy. We are often quick to doubt and slow to pray. We are tempted to let go of faith when we need to hang on. We are discouraged by wrong when we need to be encouraged by your Spirit. O God, we are thankful for the strength you give us to trust in you all the days of our lives. Amen.

Offertory

“Great is the Lord”*
arr. L. Larson

*Duet: Laura Johnson and Matthew Weber, accompanied by Jonathan Besançon



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Scripture Reading

Luke 8:40-56 (MSG)

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⁴⁰⁻⁴² On his return, Jesus was welcomed by a crowd. They were all there expecting him. A man came up, Jairus by name. He was president of the meeting place. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his home because his twelve-year-old daughter, his only child, was dying. Jesus went with him, making his way through the pushing, jostling crowd.

⁴³⁻⁴⁵ In the crowd that day there was a woman who for twelve years had been afflicted with hemorrhages. She had spent every penny she had on doctors but not one had been able to help her. She slipped in from behind and touched the edge of Jesus' robe. At that very moment her hemorrhaging stopped. Jesus said, "Who touched me?"

When no one stepped forward, Peter said, "But Master, we've got crowds of people on our hands. Dozens have touched you."

⁴⁶ Jesus insisted, "Someone touched me. I felt power discharging from me."

⁴⁷ When the woman realized that she couldn't remain hidden, she knelt trembling before him. In front of all the people, she blurted out her story—why she touched him and how at that same moment she was healed.

⁴⁸ Jesus said, "Daughter, you took a risk trusting me, and now you're healed and whole. Live well, live blessed!"

⁴⁹ While he was talking, someone from the leader's house came up and told him, "Your daughter died. No need now to bother the Teacher."

⁵⁰⁻⁵¹ Jesus overheard and said, "Don't be upset. Just trust me and everything will be all right." Going into the house, he wouldn't let anyone enter with him except Peter, John, James, and the child's parents.

⁵²⁻⁵³ Everyone was crying and carrying on over her. Jesus said, "Don't cry. She didn't die; she's sleeping." They laughed at him. They knew she was dead.

⁵⁴⁻⁵⁶ Then Jesus, gripping her hand, called, "My dear child, get up." She was up in an instant, up and breathing again! He told them to give her something to eat. Her parents were ecstatic, but Jesus warned them to keep quiet. "Don't tell a soul what happened in this room."



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Prayer

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Meditation

Jonathan Besançon

Sermon

“Don’t Worry...I Got This”

Cindy Palm

Sermon Text

Galatians 3:1-6 (MSG)

¹ You crazy Galatians! Did someone put a spell on you? Have you taken leave of your senses? Something crazy has happened, for it’s obvious that you no longer have the crucified Jesus in clear focus in your lives. His sacrifice on the cross was certainly set before you clearly enough.

²⁻⁴ Let me put this question to you: How did your new life begin? Was it by working your heads off to please God? Or was it by responding to God’s Message to you? Are you going to continue this craziness? For only crazy people would think they could complete by their own efforts what was begun by God. If you weren’t smart enough or strong enough to begin it, how do you suppose you could perfect it? Did you go through this whole painful learning process for nothing? It is not yet a total loss, but it certainly will be if you keep this up!

⁵⁻⁶ Answer this question: Does the God who lavishly provides you with his own presence, his Holy Spirit, working things in your lives you could never do for yourselves, does he do these things because of your strenuous moral striving or because you trust him to do them in you? Don’t these things happen among you just as they happened with Abraham? He believed God, and that act of belief was turned into a life that was right with God.



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Closing Song

“Creation Sings”
Worship & Song #3018

Laura Johnson

Sending Forth

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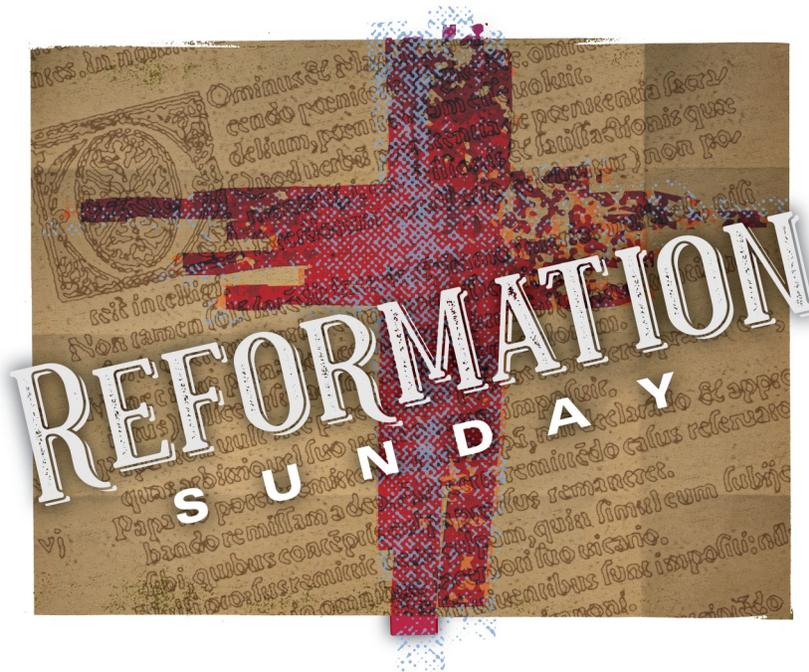
Response

“As We Go”
Worship & Song #3183

Laura Johnson

Postlude

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