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SILENT MEDITATION

The Temple was the intersection between heaven and earth; but now the place of intersection is Jesus Himself, who is equally at home in either or both of the twin halves of God's good creation. Heaven and earth are now joined in the person – in the risen body! – Of Jesus Himself. The One who sits in heaven is now the One who rules on earth. He therefore sends out His followers, equipped by His own Spirit, to celebrate His sovereignty over the world... rescued by His love, renewed by His power, and loyal to His name.

*N.T. Wright, **How God Became King**, p. 247*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC / SILENT MEDITATION

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Blessing, honor and glory are yours, O God, eternal source of all creation! You are mightier than the thunder of waters, stronger than the waves of the sea. You are present to us, in your Son Jesus, in these still waters of baptism. By your spirit you here united us with the living Christ, and all who are baptized in His name. Stir us up now as then, Prince of Peace, to be your people, body, mind and spirit. Friends, remember your baptisms, and be thankful; in the name of Our Creator, Our Redeemer and our Sustainer; Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Grace to you and peace from the One Who is, and who was, and who is to come;

C: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth!

L: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts.

C: The whole earth is full of God's glory!

ALL: Let us worship our God together here, and now, and forever! AMEN.

***HYMN - 367:**

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

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Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

GATHERING PRAYER

Let us pray; Sovereign God, come to us now in silent, holy power. Still our distracted minds, our bruised hearts, our longing bodies. Then speak the power of Jesus' name in such a way that we might hear it, in such a way that we might bear it into the world; as a people who seek not to preserve what we know, but to make palpable who you are – for we live and move and pray by the gift of your Spirit within us. Amen.

****Please stand in body or in spirit***

CONFESSION

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world, but to mend and re-fashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us. Let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to your call. In your abundant mercy, teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. AMEN.

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting – it cannot be contained, but must be poured out. Believe this good news in Jesus Christ: our sin is forgiven; we may live as a people set free.

Thanks be to God!

CENTERING MUSIC

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Samuel 23: 1-7

GOSPEL LESSON John 18: 33-37

L: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON A Kingdom Not From This World

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted Him, and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! AMEN.

CONCERNS AND JOYS

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Friends, He was always the guest. Pleased to be born in human form, He was a guest in a stable, a guest in His hometown, a guest by the shores of Galilee, a guest in Bethany, a guest in Gethsemane, a guest in the Temple and in the courts of the Sanhedrin and the Roman governor. The beloved One, He was rejected; our Savior, He appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of His kingship illumines our lives. His death became the victory that crowns the ages; His broken body became the love that unites earth and heaven. Here now, our Lord yet gentle, our Ruler yet our host, He claims our loyalty even as He claims our hearts, and sustains the very lives He has rescued and caused to resume.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Mighty and tender God, voice of the voiceless, power of the powerless, we praise you for your vision of a community of wholeness, a realm of peace, in which all who hunger and thirst are nourished, in which the stranger is welcomed, the hurting are healed, and the captive is set free. Starting in a garden, to become complete in the well-watered streets of your city, you guide us by your truth and love to the companionship and flourishing you have always desired, for all your creation. So we praise you, with all the host of heaven, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest; hosanna in the highest.

At last, to conform this your world to your vision of justice and peace, you sent Jesus to help us live as you require, doing justice, loving kindness, walking humbly with you, our God. He taught us to stay faithful in your service, and that He will return in victory, so that we will feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again in glory.

Faithful God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your son, and filled with your life-giving Spirit. Unite us in Christ and to one another, that we may reveal your justice in the world. Grant us your wisdom and keep us faithful as we wait and hope and work for your coming reign of peace. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who with you and the Spirit reigns in glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER

Friends, on the night of His arrest the Lord Jesus took bread and, having blessed it, broke it and shared it to His friends, saying "Take, eat; this is my body, broken for you". In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, and having given thanks He shared it to them, saying "Drink, all of you; this cup is the cup of the new covenant, sealed in my blood; shed for the sins of many. Do this in remembrance of me". Every time we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we declare the Lord's death, till He comes again in glory. Come, for the glorious feast is ready!

{we will partake of the elements together; first the bread, and then the cup}

The body of Christ, given for you.

Thanks be to God.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Thanks be to God!

Let us pray: **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace. Keep us faithful in your service until your realm of glory comes; through Jesus our Lord. AMEN.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY – 606: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*DEDICATION

***HYMN – 265: Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

Jesus shall reign wher-e'er the sun does its successive
journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to
shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

CHARGE

BLESSING

Now, friends, I entrust you to God, and to the message of God's grace; a message that is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance with all who are sanctified. Now may the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, and remain with you, this day and every day. Amen.

POSTLUDE

**Please stand in body or in spirit*



We respectfully remind you of the ongoing expenses of our ministry, and of our beautiful Campus. Please continue to donate. We can receive your donation by regular mail, online via PayPal or if you would like to drop your donation off, come to the office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and drop it in the mailbox outside of the office.

“May our gifts be a source of light, in a world that has learned to love darkness.”

LITURGIST – Marti Sommer

SCRIPTURE READER – Bev Bailey

GREETER – Jennifer Read

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Donated by Sue Sigvardson in memory of mother – Maryann Peter.

Prayer List

John Burris
Khaled & Nouha Dabaj, their
children, and mother Nohad
John Doherty
Danna Henderson
Sally Mason
Judy McFadden
Charlotte Wheatley

Tracy Higdon
Elaine Jackson
Dave Kratch
Laurie Linard
Tom Murray

Jeff Niehammer
Dottie Nicholson
Ainslie & Keith Peoples
Dick Regester
Alex Rhodes
Ron Steen

Prayer requests will be kept on this list in the bulletin for three months unless the office hears otherwise.

If you need prayer for whatever reason, call Kathy Sheetz (302-539-2827) to initiate a chain of prayers. Please contact the office at 302-539-3455 or email office@ovpc.org to update the prayer list! Thank you!

Our Stephen Ministers are available if you are feeling especially distressed during this time, or facing a challenge that just seems to be too much to handle alone. Please call Elaine Smith for a referral.

Our live streaming services will begin at 9:20 with pre-service music with worship beginning at 9:25. If you happen to miss us live, please visit our YouTube page so you can worship with the recorded version.

Bulletin Announcements 11/21/2021

This Week

- Christian Education: The conclusion of *Freeing Jesus* by Diane Butler Bass continues on 11/21/2021 led by Bev Bailey. It will begin after service; 10:30 in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom (**ID: 893 3340 3420/ Passcode: 917431**).
- Thanksgiving Decorations: Our decorations this week display the first Thanksgiving. This event was celebrated over three days and was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims. At this time there was peace between both peoples. We acknowledge this peace did not last and the European Immigrants and later the Americans took great advantage and grossly mistreated the Native American People.
- Tuesday Bible Studies: 10 AM, Fellowship Center; 6 PM, Sanctuary then Memorial Narthex
- Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, 6:30 PM, Memorial Hall.

Future Events

- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service; Tuesday November 23, 7 PM, Memorial Hall.
- Memorial Hall Advent/Christmas decoration, November 27, 10-12 AM. Volunteers needed, see Judy Reich or Kathy Sheetz.
- Alternative Gift market: Give a loved one the gift of a charitable donation in their name! December 5, 11 and 12, Fellowship Center. See Bev Bailey, Marlene Quinn, Jen Read or Sue Baer.
- Nativity Festival; Saturday, December 11th, Memorial Hall from 10 AM - 2 PM.
Volunteers needed for set up (Thurs. 12/9 – 7-9 PM and Fri. 12/10, anytime between 10-4 PM), and clean up (12/11, 2 PM). For more info. contact Eric Newmann.
Also, we are asking if you are interested in displaying up to three crèches this year. If you would like to display your crèche(s), please get the written description of your crèche to Jen Read and Pam Price no later than Wednesday, December 1 by 7 PM. Additionally, all crèches will need to arrive in Memorial Hall not later than Thursday, December 9 at 7pm. They will also need to be removed immediately after the festival on Saturday, December 11 to allow for worship on Sunday morning. Please contact Jen Read or Pam Price if you have any questions. Thank you!
- Monthly Work Day Changes: The Monthly Work Day has been the first Saturday of the month for 2021. Starting in December 2021 and continuing through all of 2022, it will be the **second Saturday of the month**. December 2021 Work Day will be December 11 from 8:30 am – 10 am. This conflicts with the Nativity Festival, but will be addressed in December Newsletter.

Ongoing Events

- Sharing Pantry: Women's Circle encourages you to drop off needed items during office hours. Contact Ellen Neumann for information
- Blessing Bags: Drop off needed items in Narthex of Memorial Hall (lists available there). See Marie Waehler for additional information.
- Deacons' Mission for November: Southern Delaware Education Foundation. SDEF lends a helping hand to qualifying students striving to improve their lives, and their prospects for employment. Speak to any Deacon.
- Announcements: All announcements are due to the office by Monday prior to the date you want it published.
- Mask Requirements: Mask must be worn during worship and all congregate sessions on our campus.

Looking Ahead – The Lectionary for Sunday November 28, 2021 is:

- Jer. 33: 14-16
- Luke 21: 25-36

New Initiatives:

OVPC Annual Christmas Mission

The Way Home

The Way Home meets individuals who are part of the reentry program at the prison gate and the office door to provide connections with community, meet needs, and foster relationships that prevent return to prison.

Each Christmas season, OVPC collects items to support the Way Home. The Way Home is an organization based in Georgetown, Delaware, serving people recently released from Sussex Correctional Institute.

This year, due to space limitations and specific needs, The Way Home has requested the following items:

- Men's boxer briefs and T-shirts - size XL and larger
- Royal Farms or Wawa gift cards
- Monetary donations are welcomed. Please make checks out to The Way Home

Gift cards and monetary donations can be placed in the Wishing Well located in the foyer of Memorial Hall or dropped off in the OVPC office during office hours. Other items can be placed in the Blessings Bin next to the Wishing Well.

Donations are due by Monday, December 13, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ellen Neumann at 302-537-1347.

Thank you for your continuing support of this mission.

Selbyville Middle School's Needs for December

The staff at SMS will put together Christmas care packages for students. They are concerned about the students being out of school for two weeks; many of them do not get enough to eat at home.

The following items are requested to add to the Christmas packages and if you shop at BJ's you can buy them in bulk much cheaper than at local grocery stores:

- Oodles of Noodles or Cup of Noodles
- Peanut-butter-to-go Cups
- Cereal and Cereal Bars
- Individual macaroni and cheese cups
- Lance crackers
- Go-Go Squeeze fruit on the go
- Combs and brushes
- Christmas candies and candy canes
- Feminine hygiene products (small pads and tampons)

Also needed are fun items such as: scrunches, makeup bags, card games, puzzle books, candy canes and stickers.

Thank you for considering the needs of these children. All items can be placed in the Blessings Bin in Memorial Hall or call Marie and she'll gladly pick them up from your home.

If you need additional information, please call Marie Waehler at 302-541-5002.

LA ESPERANZA NEEDS SOME MUSCLE!

After listening to Jennifer Fuqua's presentation regarding the needs of La Esperanza, Jen Read and I, Marie Waehler, signed up to volunteer as needed.

Our first assignment was to show up at 8:30 on Wednesday mornings behind Epworth United Methodist Church in Rehoboth Beach, where their walk-in refrigerator-freezer is located, to load our vehicle with donated food to drive to La Esperanza on Race Street in Georgetown, where they sort and distribute the food to those in need.

We met with a La Esperanza staff member at Epworth who brought their van; the amount of food filled both my car and their van. Jen and I knew that this task was beyond our limitations; the boxes are huge and are too heavy for us to lift without physical repercussions. We did have help unloading the food when we arrived in Georgetown.

So, we are asking for volunteers with muscle to roll up their sleeves and take on this much needed task for La Esperanza. We are happy to answer any questions you may have before agreeing to tackle this job.

Thank you for your consideration.

Scriptures for Sunday November 21, 2021

2 Samuel 23: 1-7

¹Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: ²The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. ³The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, ⁴is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

⁵Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? ⁶But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; ⁷to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

John 18: 33-37

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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