

September 27, 2020 * Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church * Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather – at a Distance

GREETING

GATHERING MUSIC

Jerry Rubino

WELCOME AND INVITATION

Jeff Hansen

TIME OF SINGING

Jesus, Name Above all Names

Jesus, name above all names; Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us; Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God;
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

He Is Lord

He is Lord. He is Lord.
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess,
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

Praise Song

Son of God this is our praise song, Jesus my Lord I sing to You
Come now Spirit of God, breathe life into these words of love
Angels join from above as we sing our praise song.

Chorus

We praise You, we praise You, We praise You, we worship You.

Son of God this is our love song. Jesus my Lord I sing to You
Come now Spirit of God, breathe life into these words of love
Angels join from above as we sing our love song.

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LET'S START WITH THIS

We begin this virtual gathering

With a song of praise

To the one we call Jesus,

Who is the way to and into

A life that is itself raised up,

Filled with grace and hope,

And resounding with joy always!

Thank God! Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE

REIGN OF CHRIST

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

Phil. 4:4; Rev. 3:7; 19:6-7

Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.

1 Re - joice, give thanks and sing; your Sov-ereign God a - dore!
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 Christ Je - sus can - not fail to rule both earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come,

For Christ has robbed death's sting and tri - umphs ev - er - more. Lift
 The Lamb who purged our stains is crowned with power a - bove. Lift
 The keys of death and hell are to the Sav - ior given. Lift
 And take the faith - ful up to their e - ter - nal home. We

up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 soon shall hear a heaven-ly voice a - bove the trum-pet's sound, "Re - joice!"

This Ascension text, one of the festival hymns by Charles Wesley, was published originally in John Wesley's Moral and Sacred Poems (1744). Somewhat altered, it appeared in this familiar version in Charles' 1746 collection, Hymns for Our Lord's Resurrection.

Tune: DARWALL'S 148th 6.6.6.6.8.8.
John Darwall, 1770

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A PRAYER

Rejoice, give thanks and sing! What a good idea!

Before we talk about the weather; before we bemoan the state of the world and argue politics; before we pull out our lists of things we want you to do for us, God – let us rejoice, give thanks and sing! Lift up our hearts, our voices - in joy! Rejoice! Again and again! Not because everything is so wonderful, but because we are yours! And we get that, thankfully! That might just change all that other stuff! Or maybe it'll just change us, in Christ? So may it be! Amen.

We Lean in, Listen, Engage

PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR A STORY WITH THE CHILDREN

“Learning along the way”

Questions: The Hebrew people learn in the wilderness to trust God.
What does it take to trust somebody?
In this “wandering time”, who and what do we trust?
There are hungry people today. How can we help God take care of
Are there people you know you can always trust?

GIFT OF MUSIC

If My People Will Pray/Heal Our Land
Tom Witry

Owens & Brooks

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7
Matthew 21:23-32

For the word of God, in scripture, within, among us, and beyond us

Thanks be to God!

A MESSAGE

“Dis-illusioned...time to come home”

Jeff Hansen

KEY VERSE “Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.” *Matthew 21:31*

We Respond in Prayerful Generosity

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

<https://bit.ly/giveSOH>



OFFERING THANKS

Good God, when we say we are your people, we are not claiming special status. We are acknowledging that we are to live in grace and generosity, with respect for all, always seeking that deeper, richer life and place, that we are already given – to share! Thank you! Keep calling us home! In the way and name and spirit of Jesus, who joins us as we pray...

OUR 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.

We Scatter—Together in Christ

A CLOSING SONG

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne, still may we dwell se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges, in thy sight, are like an eve - ning gone;
5. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all who breathe a - way;
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing, thou art God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.
they fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

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A BLEST SENDING

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come!

Our shelter from the stormy blast, and *our eternal home!*

Dis-illusioned, let us live ever more deeply into that truth as it becomes ever clearer to and through us! Amen!

God send you, the Spirit fill you, Christ go with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere!

Amen! God bless! Go in peace. Amen.

CHIMES AND CLOSING MUSIC

Climate Statement: As Christians and Stewards of the Earth, we are called to adopt practices and support public policies to combat the climate change crisis. Spirit of Hope UMC pledges to consider climate impact in its practices and policies.

Statement of Call: We are called by God to be radically inclusive, caring community of faith offering personal and social transformation through Jesus Christ.

Reconciling Statement: We are a reconciling congregation welcoming people of all sexual orientations.