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November 5, 2023 Welcome

and Outreach Announcements

Prelude

Wonderful Words of Life

Woody and Mark

Call to Worship

Come, all who are weary from the past week.

**We come seeking rest: We come seeking comfort.**

Come, all who are in need of inspiration for the week ahead.

**We come seeking God's truth, word and worship that will set us on the faithful path**

Come, all who are humble, open, and ready to learn.

**We come as God's students, ready to listen and learn.**

\*Gathering Song

Let Us Build a House

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Let us build a house where love can dwell

and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell

how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,

and words are strong and true,

where all God's children dare to seek

to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness

and as symbol of God's grace;

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine, and wheat;  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured,  
taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)  
\*Call to Confession

**\*Prayer of Confession God our teacher, we often exalt ourselves while evaluating and judging others. We assume too much and don't invest enough in listening, learning and seeking to understand. You call us to humility, yet we resist, puffing ourselves up with prideful arrogance and rigid certainty. Forgive us, soften our hearts and open our minds to all we have yet to learn. Amen.**

\*Declaration of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri **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.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 See Insert

Special Music We Remember You Chancel Choir

Scripture Matthew 23:1-12 See insert

Message "I am the Greatest" Rev. Edward Dunn

\*Responding Song Let us Break Bread Together 525

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)

Receiving our Offering

Offertory Woody Johnson

\*Doxology **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.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Therefore, we praise you...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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 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. Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Wine

Prayer

\*Sending Song

Blest are They

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**Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.**

**Refrain:**

**Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!**

**Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. (Refrain)**

**Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. (Refrain)**

**Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. (Refrain)**

**Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. (Refrain)**

\*Blessing

Postlude

Woody Johnson

## Matthew 23:1-12

**23** Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; <sup>3</sup> therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. <sup>4</sup> They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. <sup>5</sup> They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. <sup>6</sup> They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues <sup>7</sup> and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. <sup>8</sup> But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. <sup>9</sup> And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. <sup>10</sup> Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. <sup>11</sup> The greatest among you will be your servant. <sup>12</sup> All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.