

Invitation to next week

I invite you to join us next week as we continue this sermon series, called Forth in Your Dear Name We Go: celebrating our Saints who have gone before us.

After worship, you are invited to our virtual coffee hour on zoom. The link to join us is in the email you received with the links to this service. There are also instructions on this screen. We will gather about 10:45

You are also invited to join us on our Facebook Group Whitney United Methodist church group to chat about the service. You can join the conversation anytime.

Also remember that there are many ways to connect with us even as we are physically distancing.

Our radio program Reach Out and Trust broadcasts on KBXL 94.1 FM on Sunday mornings at 7:30 am and 11:30 am.

May God be with us until we meet again

Notes



Forth in God's Dear Name We Go

WHITNEY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 25, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Christina Thompson

Welcome

Welcome to worship this morning. I am Rev. Christina Thompson, Pastor here at Whitney United Methodist Church and I am so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. Today we continue in our worship series--- Forth in God's Dear Name we go, celebrating what the church is all about. Today we celebrate how the church is compassionate, living out the compassion of God.

Lighting the candle

As we begin our worship this morning, I invite you to light your candle as a reminder of our connection together as the body of Christ is present with us.

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 105)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name.

People: We will make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, sing praises!

People: We will tell of all God's wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: We will seek the Lord's strength and seek the Lord's presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles, and the judgments God has uttered.

People: We will remember and give thanks to God!

Let us join together singing praise to God, with the song Shout to the Lord with our praise band 6 ways to Sunday

Opening Song *6 Ways to Sunday (Band)* Shout to the Lord

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My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise,
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am Never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, Praise to the King,
Mountains bow down, and the seas will roar

Verse 1

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above

Verse 2

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears our hopes our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares

Verse 3

We share each other's woes
Our mutual burdens bear
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear

Verse 4

When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain
But we shall still be joined in heart
And hope to meet again

Sending Forth

May we encourage one another and build up each other in compassion and love. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

Passing the Peace

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you
And also with you

Comfort all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Expand our compassion, increase our faith and make us whole as we work together for the healing of those in need.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

Eternal God, we remember those who are dying and those who have died. Draw them in to your heavenly realm with you, Christ and the Holy Spirit, that they may dwell with you in paradise.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

Hear now these prayers that we only pray in the quiet of our hearts.

Blessed be the one holy and living God. Amen

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The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dewey Knowles

Offering

God spreads a table of blessings before us. Let us express our gratitude by giving a portion of what has been given to us.

You can give of your tithes and offerings by sending in a check to the church by mail, or giving electronically through our website. Let us pray over the offerings that will be collected.

We rejoice with thanksgiving for all we have received, O God. Thank you for helping us be compassionate and sharing with others the gifts you have freely given to us. Multiply these gifts that we give so that the world may experience your compassion and that we all might know fullness of life in you.

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Closing Hymn

Blest be the Tie that Binds #557

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At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,

Forever I'll love You, Forever I stand

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You

All of my days, I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength

Let every breath, all that I am, Never cease to worship you

Shout to the Lord, All the earth let us sing

Power and majesty, Praise to the King

Mountains bow down, and the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands

Forever I'll love You, Forever I stand

Nothing compares to the promises I have,

Nothing compares to the promise I have,

Nothing compares to the promise I have... in You.

Prayer Centering us for Worship

O God, we give you thanks this morning for who you are and all you have done for us. We give you thanks for your love and abundant life that you freely offer to everyone of us. Help us to live out your love and abundant life as we offer compassion to the people around us, especially those for whom it is hard offer compassion. Help us as we do so to seek your strength and your presence always. May we always remember the wonderful works you have done O God. Amen.

Written by Rev. Christina based on Psalm 105

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

This sermon series is based on the words from the song Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service. This week we are focusing on v. 3

Introduction to the sermon in Song

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” 581 v. 3

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Albert Frederick Bayly

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Verse 3

As we worship grant us vision
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quicken sight
Making known the deeds and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear
Stirring us to tireless striving
Your abundant life to share

Sermon

Rev. Christina

The Church is Compassionate

Our song of reflection is Hope of the world that reminds us that the Hope of the World, is thou Christ of great compassion. Let us join together with Andy and Svetlana Maddox

Anthem

Hope of the World #178 v. 1,3,5

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Verse 1

Hope of the world
O Christ of great compassion
Speak to our fearful hearts
By conflict rent
Save us your people
From consuming passion
Who by our own false hopes
And aims are spent

Verse 3

Hope of the world
Afoot on dusty highways
Showing to wandering
Souls the path of light
Walk thou beside us
Lest the tempting byways
Lure us away from thee
To endless night

Verse 5

Hope of the world
O Christ o'er death victorious
Who by this sign didst
Conquer grief and pain
We would be faithful
To thy gospel glorious
Thou are our Lord
Thou dost forever reign

As we pray our Pastoral prayer, I will say Lord in your mercy and your response is hear our prayers. I will hold my hand up when it is your turn.

Pastoral Prayer

Almighty God, who transforms our weakness into strength, and calls to be compassionate, receive the prayers we lovingly offer on behalf of the church and the world.

Break down the barriers that exist among peoples and nations;
restore our common life.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

Give to your church a bold vision and a daring love to speak and act on behalf of your mission to restore all people and creation in peace.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**