

CENTERPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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IN-PERSON WORSHIP

MAY 15, 2022

ENOUGH FOR ALL

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Congregation please respond with the bolded lines

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

Prayer from West Africa

I am happy because you have accepted me, dear Lord. Sometimes I do not know what to do with all my happiness. I swim in your grace like a whale in the ocean. The saying goes: "An ocean never dries up," but we know that your grace also never fails. Dear Lord, your grace is our happiness.

WELCOME AND BREATH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

With patience and love, we come as one family.

We are one Body of Christ, united in God.

Come! Speak of truth, truth told in love.

We gather to listen, and to share our stories.

We are God's children, parts of Christ's purpose.

We rejoice in our gifts, and we thank God for grace.

OPENING HYMN # 593

"Here I Am, Lord"

United Methodist Hymnal

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus: Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)

OPENING PRAYER

God of unity and peace, bind us together as we come now to worship. Strengthen the ties that make us your family. Grant us the grace to recognize our gifts and our place in this body. Guide us to hear your calling as you speak to our lives. Build us up in love that we may grow in your knowledge and our love of you. Speak your truth that we may lead lives worthy of your calling. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Vikki Cook and Charitie Bancroft

Jonathan Goodman

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, come fill us with your breath and your truth. Open our ears; speak to us, that we may recognize your voice, calling us to love you and one another, with compassion, action, and care. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:1-13

New Revised Standard Version

The Feeding of the 5000

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they[b] sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

As a fire is meant for burning, with a bright and warming flame,
 So the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God’s name.
 Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
 We join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
 We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
 By our gentle, loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.
 In a humble, listening Spirit, we would live to God’s delight.

As a green bud in the springtime, is the sign of life renewed,
 So may we be signs of oneness, ’mid earth’s peoples, many hued.
 As a rainbow lights the heavens, when a storm is past and gone,
 May our lives reflect the radiance, of God’s new and glorious dawn.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for these wonderful gifts given from the bounty of our lives. We ask that you dedicate these gifts to the service of Christ in the world, extending hospitality to strangers, and connecting us all as the one true Body of Christ. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:34-40

New Revised Standard Version

Loving One Another; Loving Christ

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

MESSAGE

“Enough For All”
Helping Hands Rescue Mission
Huntington Station, NY

Rev. Kim Gaines-Gambino

PRAYER HYMN# 2260 (2X)

“Let Us Be Bread”

The Faith We Sing

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured, let us be one in the Lord.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please note that we use both regular and wheat-free & gluten-free bread
If viewing online, please share the bread and cup with those present saying the words,
“The Body of Christ broken for you; the Blood of Christ shed for you”*

CLOSING HYMN # 2036

“Give Thanks”

The Faith We Sing

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (2X)
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us" (2X)

BENEDICTION

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Thank you to Jonathon Goodman for sharing his gift of music with us today.

Thank you to Rev. Kim Gaines-Gambino for sharing the message with us today.