

WORSHIP SERVICE  
September 27, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Matthew 25)

LEADER: Welcome to worship, for God gathers us here,

**PEOPLE: where the hungry are served first,  
and the thirsty find plenty of water.**

LEADER: We come, for God welcomes us here by grace,

**PEOPLE: where the naked are clothed;  
and the stranger is embraced as friend.**

LEADER: We come, for God unites us here in love,

**PEOPLE: and prisoners are set free,  
and the sick are cared for in Jesus' name.**

PRAYER

HYMN # 43 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

HYMN # 118            His Name is Wonderful  
His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.  
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

***He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all Ages, Almighty God is He;  
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,  
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.***

GIVING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD  
World Mission Offering

PRAYER AND PRAISE  
The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

HYMN #            Seek Ye First  
Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be opened unto you. Allelu- alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING            Matthew 25: 31- 45

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

<sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

<sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

<sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

<sup>44</sup> "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

<sup>45</sup> "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

REFLECTION                      The Faith Life of Sheep and Goats

HYMN #                      Whatever You Do

"Whatever you do to the least ones of these,  
I tell you in truth that you do unto me!"  
Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew  
That when we serve others, we also serve you.

When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end,  
When those long-forgotten cry out for a friend,  
When thirsty ones whisper, "O Lord, where are you?" —  
We hear, in their longing, that you're calling, too.

In prisons and jails, Lord, we find a surprise;  
We see you in people whom others despise.  
At hospital bedsides we offer a prayer  
And find, when we visit the sick, you are there.

"Lord, when did we see you?" Your teaching is true  
That when we serve others, we're serving you too.  
And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain,  
Then out of the chaos, hope rises again.

BENEDICTION