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**September 13, 2020**  
**UUC Fusion Church**

“I suppose I have found it easier to identify with the characters who verge upon hysteria, who were frightened of life, who were desperate to reach out to another person. But these seemingly fragile people are the strong people really.” Tennessee Williams

**Prelude**

**Prayer of Invocation** by Robert French Leavens (adapted)

Leader: Oh God, in whose great arms all the children of earth are embraced,

**People: here in your presence we remember our kinship with all humankind.**

Leader: We rejoice for those who are in full health and strength, whose ways are ways of pleasantness and peace.

**People: Our hearts reach out toward those whose ways are ways of suffering, of body, mind, or soul.**

Leader: May it be that you shall find us reaching out to them not only with our hearts

**People: but with our hands also,**

Leader: to help them in the bearing of their burdens,

**People: to help in the lifting of their burdens.**

**All: Amen.**

**Hymn #117** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (vs. 1,6)

1. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.

6. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come;  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

**Time for the Children**

**Opening Scripture** II Corinthians 4:7

**Dexter Time** (Laurie and her dog, Dexter discuss the opening scripture)

**Children’s Prayer and Lord’s Prayer (using debts-debtors)**

*Following Dexter Time, children in the sanctuary may, if they wish, go to the upstairs play room while those on Zoom may leave the Zoom viewing area.*

**Special Music** “He’s Holding on to Me” UUC Virtual Bluegrass Band

## **Announcements and Prayer Concerns**

**Prayers of the People** *When Laurie says, "Lord, in your mercy," please say and/or sign "Hear our prayer."*

### **Time of Offering Ourselves in Commitment**

**Musical Offertory**

**Blessing and Amen**

### **Responsive Reading** Psalm 81:1-10

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**People: Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.**

Leader: Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.

**People: For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.**

Leader: God made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt.

**People: I hear a voice I had not known:**

Leader: "I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket. In distress you called, and I rescued you;

**People: I answered you in the secret place of thunder;**

Leader: I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

**People: There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.**

Leader: I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

**People: Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.**

### **Scripture Reading** II Corinthians 4:6-10

#### **Reflection**

#### **Hymn #356** "When We are Living" (vs 1, 3)

1. When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.

Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.

3. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.

(Original Spanish)

*1. Pues si vivimos para Él vivimos  
y si morimos para fil mori mos.*

*Sea que vivamos o que muramos,  
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.*

*3. En la tristeza y en el dolor,  
en la belleza y en el amor,*

*sea que suframos o que gocemos  
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.*

**\* Benediction**

**\* Benediction Response** by Bob Kilpatrick

Leader: In this church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In this church, Lord, be glorified today.

People: In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

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**Postlude**

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*Those on Zoom are invited to remain online following the service for a Virtual Coffee Hour.*

Lay Leader: Dave Porter

Special Music: John and Laurel Buckwalter, Michele Hluchy, Vern Burdick, Genie Meltzer, Laurie DeMott

Accompanists: Peter O'Connor, Laurie Buckwalter

Zoom Co-Host: John Buckwalter

Flowers: Sharon Burdick