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UUC Fusion Church
September 20, 2020

“Fear is the polio of the soul which prevents our walking by faith.” – Clarence Jordan

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us to live with mystery and walk by faith.

People: God calls us to place our trust in God and live according to Christ’s direction.

Leader: For, in the midst of life’s mysteries and uncertainties, this we can know and trust:

People: God’s forgiveness and tenderness are poured out upon us; God’s love and mercy shall never end.

Hymn “Incarnate God, Immortal Love” by Alfred Tennyson to the tune of #213 “Lift Up Your Heads”
(Those worshipping in the sanctuary please hum only.)

1. Incarnate God, immortal Love,
whom we, that have not seen your face,
by faith, and faith alone, embrace,
Believing where we cannot prove.

2. Let knowledge grow from more to more,
but more of reverence in us dwell;
That mind and soul, according well,
may make one music as before.

Time for the Children

Opening Scripture Hebrews 12:2

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

Children’s Prayer

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 “Prelude and Allegro” by Pugnani

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

Invitation to the Offering

Musical Offertory

Blessing and Amen

Responsive Reading Psalm 118:1-9, 21-24

Leader: I thank you, God, for your goodness!

Your love is everlasting! Let Israel say it:

People: “Your love is everlasting!”

Leader: Let the House of Aaron say it:

People: “Your love is everlasting!”

Leader: Let those who revere God say it:

People: “Your love is everlasting!”

Leader: In anguish, I cried to you, God,

People: and you answered me with freedom.

Leader: Because God is with me, I’m not afraid—

People: what can anyone do to me?

Leader: Because God is with me as my Helper,

People: I can triumph over my enemies.

Leader: Better to take refuge in God than to trust in human beings;

People: better to take refuge in God than to follow leaders.

Leader: thank you for hearing me,

People: for saving me.

Leader: It was the stone which the builders rejected that became the keystone;

People: this is God’s doing, and it is wonderful to see.

Leader: This is the day God has made—

People: let us celebrate with joy!

Scripture Reading excerpts from II Corinthians 5:1-21

Sermon

Hymn “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord” By B. Mansell Ramsey to the tune of #528 “Nearer, My God to Thee”
(Those worshipping in the sanctuary please hum only.)

1. Teach me thy way, O Lord; teach me thy way!

Thy guiding grace afford; teach me thy way!

Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;

lead me with heav’nly light; teach me thy way!

2 When doubts and fears arise, teach me thy way!

When storms o’erspread the skies, teach me thy way!

Shine thro’ the cloud and rain, thro’ sorrow, toil, and pain;

make thou my pathway plain; teach me thy way!

*** 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

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

Lay Leader: Tiersa Watson

Special Music: Candy

Accompanists: Laurel Buckwalter and Peter O'Connor

Zoom Co-Host: John Buckwalter

Flowers: Linell Soule