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**UUC Fusion Church
October 11, 2020**

*"If pain doesn't lead to humility, you have wasted your suffering."
Katerina Stoykova Klemer*

Prelude Fugue on "In Adam's Fall" by JS Bach

Prayer of Invocation

Leader: O God, who gives purpose and meaning to our lives,

People: Grant us today the assistance your Spirit.

Leader: In all the surprises and changes of life, may we fit our heart on you,

People: That your eternal purposes may be fixed in us.

Leader: In the name of Christ who made your will known to us, we pray,

People: Amen.

Hymn #529 "How Firm a Foundation"

1. "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?"

3. "When through deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

Time for the Children

Opening Scripture Isaiah 43:1-3

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.

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Special Music Peter O'Connor

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

Time of Offering Ourselves in Commitment

Musical Offertory Prayer by Engelbert Humperdinck arr Martha Setchell
Blessing and Amen

Responsive Reading Psalm 102:1-13

from the Inclusive Bible

Leader: God, hear my prayer, let my cry for help reach you; do not hide your face from me when I am in trouble; turn your ear to me, and when I call,

People: be quick to answer me!

Leader: For my days are vanishing like smoke; my bones smolder like logs; my heart is withering like grass in the scorching sun

People: and Death is consuming me;

Leader: whenever I heave a sigh, my bones stick through my skin. I have become a vulture roaming the wilderness;

People: a screech owl living in the ruins

Leader: I lie awake lamenting, like a lone bird that chatters to itself on the roof. My enemies taunt me all day long; those who used to praise me

People: now use my name as a curse.

Leader: Ashes are the bread I eat, and everything I drink is laced with tears. In your fury and your wrath, you picked me up

People: only to toss me aside;

Leader: my days fade away like a shadow, and I am as dry as hay. But you, God, sit enthroned, and your renown lasts

from one generation to the next!

People: Arise, and take pity on Zion!

Scripture Reading excerpts from Job **Reflection**

Hymn #89 "Joyful, Joyful"

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

*** 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: Mary-Lou Cartledge
Flowers: Laurel Buckwalter
Special Music: Peter O'Connor
Organ & Piano: Laurel Buckwalter & Peter O'Connor
Zoom Co-Host: John Buckwalter

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mindy Smith, Catherine Chambers, Ding Jiayi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Sharon & Roger Smith, Wes Bentz, Beverly Snyder's sister (Barbara), 3 yr. old Lowin, Jim Rausch, hurricane & wildfire victims, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze's niece), Sharon Burdick.

MISSION OF THE MONTH ROC/ACTS

Concerned about racial inequity in America and wanting to help work on racial justice being done close to home, the Board of Elders decided to choose Roc/ACTS as our October Mission of the Month. Roc/ACTS stands for Rochester Alliance of Communities Transforming Society, and it is an interfaith, multi-racial organization, working together in the Rochester area on issues of social justice.

Envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary. Make checks payable to UUC with Roc/ACTS on the memo line.

FALL FUN & FELLOWSHIP

It's Pumpkin Carving season and we would love to see everyone's "artwork." **Carve your pumpkin(s), take a picture, and send your photos to the church by Friday, October 23rd** to be featured in a slide show during the October 25th worship.

And then save those pumpkins and bring them to the **UUC Pumpkin Toss** after worship on November 1st! We will meet outside near the church, masked and socially distanced, at noon on November 1st (to give Zoomers time to get to town,) and we will see who can throw their pumpkin the farthest. The riper your pumpkin, the more satisfying the landing will be, so buy a bunch of pumpkins, carve them, photograph them, let them soften nicely outdoors, and then bring them on Nov 1st. to the UUC Pumpkin Toss.

Mark your calendars. It's going to be great!