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UUC Fusion Church
October 18, 2020

“Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in; aim at earth and you will get neither.”
C.S. Lewis

Prelude “Prelude to the Deluge” by Saint-Saens

Call to Worship

Leader: Though the storm clouds of doubt and fear threaten to overcome us,

People: God leads us into ways of peace.

Leader: When the darkness of hatred and the deep pit of anger reach toward us,

People: God lifts and carries us through the darkness with hope and light.

Leader: Lord of hope and life, be with us today.

People: God of mercy and peace, lead us safely to tomorrow.

Hymn #178 “Hope of the World”

1. Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion:
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, your people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

2. Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life:
still let your Spirit unto us be given
to heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.

Time for the Children

Opening Scripture Exodus 15:1-2, 13

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

Children's Prayer

Lord's Prayer (using debts-debtors)

Special Music “Pharaoh, Pharaoh”

Following the song, children may leave the Zoom viewing area if they wish.

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 “Adagio” by Rheinberger

Blessing and Amen

Responsive Reading Psalm 66:1-9 *The Inclusive Bible version*

Leader: Shout to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of God's Name—

People: give glorious praise!

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Your enemies cower before your great strength! The whole earth worships you and sings praises to you —

People: all creation praises your Name!"

Leader: Come and see the works of God —

People: God's deeds on our behalf are wondrous.

Leader: God turned the sea into dry land;

People: and people passed through the river on foot.

Leader: There we rejoiced in God, whose reign of power lasts forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations

People: so that the rebellious don't exalt themselves before God.

Leader: Bless God, all you peoples,

People: let the sound of God's praise be heard!

Leader: God has kept us among the living,

People: and has not let our feet slip.

Scripture Reading Exodus 14:8-16 *The Message*

Reflection

Hymn #127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

*** 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: Caiti Dewey

Piano/Organ: Peter O'Connor, Laurel Buckwalter

Zoom Co-Host: John Buckwalter

Flowers: Joan Schulze