



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA
Following Jesus, Providing Hope, Making Disciples

And in that moment...Everything Changed!
Sunday, May 2, 2021

PRELUDE

Jesus Shall Reign arr. Lana Kelley

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come today to worship the Lord our God.

Wherever we sit or stand is holy ground.

We repeat the stories of our faith; and we remember that throughout time, those who walk with God in faith experience moments that change everything.

As we worship God, we look for moments of joy.

We look for moments of peace.

We look for moments of challenge and inspiration.

We look for moments of discernment.

We look for moments of hope.

We look for God, in every moment, to lead us and shape us.

Praise be to God!

OPENING PRAYER

God, you have called us to worship you. You have spoken throughout time in whispering winds and in burning flames. Again and again you have led your people into difficult places and seasons, and always you have been there to guide, provide, and pursue. As we join our hearts now in worship, break down any barriers we have built up among us. Lead us forward to live in your service. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning; praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning; God's re-creation of the new day

FIRST READING

Psalm 26:1-8

Establish justice for me, Lord, because I have walked with integrity.

I've trusted the Lord without wavering. Examine me, Lord; put me to the test!

Purify my mind and my heart. Because your faithful love is right in front of me - I walk in your truth!

I don't spend time with people up to no good; I don't keep company with liars.

I detest the company of evildoers, and I don't sit with wicked people.
I wash my hands - they are innocent!
I walk all around your altar, Lord, proclaiming out loud my thanks, declaring all your wonderful deeds!
I love the beauty of your house, Lord; I love the place where your glory resides.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Here Comes a Miracle by Boltz and Milliken
Dale Brown, soloist

SECOND READING

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was taking care of the flock for his father-in-law Jethro, Midian's priest. He led his flock out to the edge of the desert, and he came to God's mountain called Horeb. The Lord's messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but it didn't burn up. Then Moses said to himself, Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't burning up. When the Lord saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" Moses said, "I'm here." Then the Lord said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground." He continued, "I am the God of your father, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I've clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I've heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain. I've come down to rescue them from the Egyptians in order to take them out of that land and bring them to a good and broad land, a land that's full of milk and honey, a place where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites all live. Now the Israelites' cries of injustice have reached me. I've seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. So get going. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I to go to Pharaoh and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" God said, "I'll be with you. And this will show you that I'm the one who sent you. After you bring the people out of Egypt, you will come back here and worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I now come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they are going to ask me, 'What's this God's name?' What am I supposed to say to them?"

God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am. So say to the Israelites, 'I Am has sent me to you.'" God continued, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever; this is how all generations will remember me.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Take Your Shoes Off, Moses by J.D. Jarvis, 1967
U Can Jug or Nots recorded summer 2020

SERMON

When God Shows Up
Rev. Rachael Warner

HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee

Take my voice and let it sing always only for my king
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Laura Hannah

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN

Be Present at Our Table, Lord

Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored
These mercies bless and grant that we may feast in fellowship with thee

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you; **And also with you**
Lift up your hearts to the Lord; **We lift up our hearts with thanks and praise!**

We are yours, all yours, Holy God, all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise,
we give it all to you, with all our bodies, and minds, and voices.
We are your people, whom you have called covenant with you,
a covenant we have continually broken, and you have continuously sustained.
How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and saints,
Jesus Christ who comes in our God's name, you are worthy!
Lamb of God who died and rose again, you are worthy!
Hosanna now we sing! Hosanna now we sing!

You are holy, O God! You are worthy, O Christ! Worthy when you preached the good news that God's kingdom has drawn near and as you have gathered disciples, then and now, to learn and show the world what life in God's reign means:

healing for the sick, new life for the dead,
cleansing for the lepers, freedom for the possessed,
new birth, new hope, new creation breaking in for all.

Worthy too, the night we betrayed you, when you took the bread, blessed it and broke it,
and gave it to your disciples. Worthy when you told them,
"This is my body broken for you. Remember me." **We remember.**

Worthy when you took the cup, praised God and shared it, and worthy when you said, "This
is the cup of salvation. Drink from it and remember me." **We remember.**
We remember, and we praise you with our lives and these gifts of bread and cup,
proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come upon us, Holy Spirit and upon these gifts. Make them Christ for us. Make us one in
Christ as we pray for the church and the world:
That we may proclaim the gospel boldly, **Hear us, O God.**
That we may offer your healing for all who are sick, or torn, or weary, **Hear us, O God.**
That our beloved dead may be raised, and death's power vanquished, **Hear us, God.**
That all who are possessed, oppressed, and distressed may be set free, **Hear us, O God.**
Come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit, this day, and every day until that day when we eat
together in your kingdom and our rejoicing shall know no end. All blessing, honor, glory and
power be yours, Holy God, now and forever. **Amen!**
We eat together in grace and love. We drink together in mercy and salvation.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Lord, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this meal and the grace we
receive from you strengthen us in love. Send us to serve you as we serve others in the
name of Jesus. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Shalom to You

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends; may God's full mercies bless you my friends
In all your living, and through your loving, Christ be your shalom; Christ be your shalom

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata by Thygeron

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