



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA

Following Jesus, Providing Hope, Making Disciples

And in that moment...Everything Changed!
Sunday, May 16, 2021

PRELUDE

To God All Glory Given by Rachel Sawyer

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather again to worship God!

May our worship be a sweet sound to the Lord.

May our words and prayers and offerings bless God's holy name.

We rejoice and give thanks as we worship our God!

OPENING PRAYER

God of all the earth, we praise your holy name. We give thanks for who you are and for your presence among us. We confess that we have not always been the people you created us to be. Forgive us and guide us to lay down our self-interest and follow Jesus. We pray in his holy name. Amen.

HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with thee
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness mercy and love

Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
And all I have needed thy hand hath provided
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FIRST READING

Psalm 104:24-35 (CEB)

Lord, you have done so many things! You made them all so wisely!
The earth is full of your creations! And then there's the sea, wide and deep,
with its countless creatures - living things both small and large.
There go the ships on it, and Leviathan, which you made, plays in it!
All your creations wait for you to give them their food on time.
When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled completely full!

But when you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.
When you let loose your breath, they are created,
and you make the surface of the ground brand-new again.
Let the Lord's glory last forever! Let the Lord rejoice in all he has made!
He has only to look at the earth, and it shakes.
God just touches the mountains, and they erupt in smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I'm still alive.
Let my praise be pleasing to him; I'm rejoicing in the Lord!
Let sinners be wiped clean from the earth; let the wicked be no more.
But let my whole being bless the Lord! Praise the Lord!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Goin' Up by Glenda Franklin
Meredith Berry, Nancy Jo Mattson & Jan Warren

SECOND READING

Genesis 11:1-9 (CEB)

All people on the earth had one language and the same words. When they traveled east, they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them hard." They used bricks for stones and asphalt for mortar. They said, "Come, let's build for ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves so that we won't be dispersed over all the earth."

Then the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the humans built. And the Lord said, "There is now one people and they all have one language. This is what they have begun to do, and now all that they plan to do will be possible for them. Come, let's go down and mix up their language there so they won't understand each other's language." Then the Lord dispersed them from there over all of the earth, and they stopped building the city. Therefore, it is named Babel, because there the Lord mixed up the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord dispersed them over all the earth.

HYMN

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Come and find the quiet center
In the crowded life we lead
Find the room for hope to enter
Find the frame where we are freed

Silence is a friend who claims us
Cools the heat and slows the pace
God it is who speaks and names us
Knows our being, touches base

Clear the chaos and the clutter
Clear our eyes so we can see
All the things that really matter
Be at peace and simply be

Making space within our thinking
Lifting shades to show the sun
Raising courage when we're shrinking
Finding scope for faith begun

SERMON

From One to Many
Rev. Rachael Warner

SPECIAL MUSIC

Simple Gifts arr. by Leonard Stone
Meredith Berry, Nancy Jo Mattson & Jan Warren

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.

COMMUNION SONG

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

Sound the Trumpet by Humphrey Turner

Organist, Diane Gronewold
Worship Tech, Jake Berg