

PRELUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Tune: *St. Christopher*

by Frederick C. Maker (1844-1927)

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WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 90: 1-2, 16-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands- O prosper the work of our hands!

OPENING SONG

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
UMH 126

A TIME OF PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9: 17-27

¹⁷ *As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I*

do to inherit eternal life?"¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone."¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.'"²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth."²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another^l "Then who can be saved?"²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

THE MESSAGE

More than a Possibility

CELEBRATING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Always and everywhere to give thanks to you . . . And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes In the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ As we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit ...All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING SONG

The Summons

FWS 2130

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory
by William H. Doane
arranged by Bernadine Johnson
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WELCOME TO ALL

Who hope for a better world
& all who have lost hope:

Believers and seekers
Conventional Christians & questioning
skeptics

Women, men, youth and children

Of all sexual orientations & gender
identities

Of all races and cultures,

Of all income levels

Of all social classes

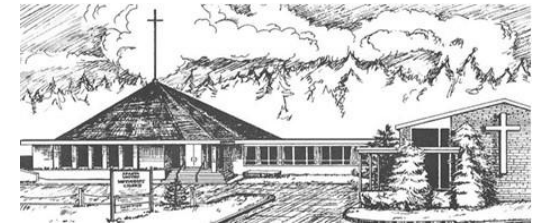
Of all physical & mental abilities.

COME AS YOU ARE . . .

YOU ARE WELCOME!

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*Service of Worship with
Holy Communion*

Sunday, October 13, 2024

8:45 AM

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Words: Johann J. Schutz, 1675;
trans. by Frances E. Cox, 1864
Music: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesange*, 1566;
harm. by Maurice F. Bell, 1906

The Summons
Words: John Bell, Music: Traditional Scottish

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