

**First United Methodist Church**

**September 6, 2020**

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**Prelude**

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Verse 1

Spirit of God descend upon my heart  
Wean it from earth thro' all its pulses move  
Stoop to my weakness mighty as Thou art  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love

Verse 4

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear  
To check the rising doubt the rebel sigh  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer

CCLI Song # 2083

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Hymn**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

UMH #430, vs., 1, 3, 4

Verse 1

O Master let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free  
Tell me Thy secret  
Help me bear the strain of toil  
The fret of care

Verse 3

Teach me Thy patience still with Thee  
In closer dearer company  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong  
In trust that triumphs over wrong

Verse 4

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In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broad'ning way  
In peace that only Thou canst give  
With Thee O Master let me live

CCLI Song # 158243

### Children's Moments

### Pastoral Prayer

**Offertory** "The One You Lean On"

**Scripture** Exodus 12:1-14 (NRSV)

**12** The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: **2** This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. **3** Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. **4** If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. **5** Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. **6** You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. **7** They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. **8** They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. **9** Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. **10** You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. **11** This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. **12** For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. **13** The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

**14** This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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**Message**                    "Through the Wilderness"

**Prayer of Confession**    (with words of assurance)

**Almighty God, you are the one who leads us from darkness into light, from captivity into freedom, from anxiety into peace, from despair into joy. Yet we long to break free, choosing independence, convinced of our own wisdom, forgetting your love and grace. Forgive us, draw close to us, embrace us once again in your loving arms, and enable us to follow you in worship and grateful service each day of our lives. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

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On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,**

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**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 glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**“Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole”**

**URH #160, vs. 1**

**Chorus**

In your love make us whole  
May we rest in your compassion  
Calm the lost weary soul  
In the warmth of your love  
May your peace fill our hearts  
May we know the love of Jesus  
By your grace you console  
Make us holy make us whole

**Verse 1**

Bind up the wounds of our soul  
Comfort the lonely and lost  
With the strength of your great Spirit

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