

No dream will ever be bigger
than our God! So go ahead and
Dream Big Dreams!

I Dream of a Church: Christ's Representatives

Order of Worship
May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:00 AM

10:00 Online Worship
YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"

GATHERING AND PRAISE

A Call to Silence

Our modern life can be summed up in the words hurry and worry. All the modern conveniences and technologies have not given us more time for being quiet or for worshipping. Everyone is busy and in a hurry. In the midst of this noisy, frenzied life, a call to silence seems almost ridiculous. Yet the call comes from the highest of authorities: "Be still, and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10). For 15 minutes prior to the start of worship, you are urged to sit in quiet reverence before God. Use this time to feel the Holy Spirit's presence and to prepare your heart for worship.

Welcome

Prelude

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

The Call to Worship

Choir

*There's a voice, strong and clear,
Ringing out far and near,
"Let justice roll down, let justice roll down!"
Like the rush of a stream,
Comes a powerful dream,
Let justice roll down, justice roll down.*

Jesus said, "You have heard it said love your neighbors and hate your enemies. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Jesus is asking us to those we have been taught are our enemies, maybe because their language or culture is different from ours, maybe because they are younger or older, come from a different part of the world, dress differently, or have a different political affiliation. Jesus is trying to reconcile all people, making enemies into neighbors and strangers into friends.

Choir

*Roll down! Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever flowing stream.
Roll down! Roll down, justice.
Roll like an ever-flowing stream,
flowing stream, roll down.*

Holy and Living God, stretch us beyond our comfort zones.

Pastor Debra

May peace flow. Let justice roll

Open us to see our innate connection with others.

May peace flow. Let justice roll.

May your will be done here on earth.

May peace flow. Let justice roll.

Choir and Congregation Sings

*Roll down! Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever-flowing stream,
flowing stream, roll down!*

The Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Let us pass the peace of Christ with those around us.

Hymn

Jesu, Jesu

UMH 432

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Children's Time

Sheep or Goats?

Pastor Debra

Morning Prayers

Pastor Debra

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.

Ministry of Music

Blessings

Meghan Walker

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (All Praying)

Quinn Hetherington

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept you Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:28-29

Our Old Testament reading is from Joel 2, verses 28-29. This promise by one by one of Israel's minor prophets became the focus of the earliest Christian gospel when Peter quoted it as the only possible interpretation of what happened when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles on Pentecost.

The Day of the Lord

28" ... I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

29 Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 25:31-40

This parable tells us the reign of Christ begins with a final judgement. But that reign and God's judgment are going on right now with each decision and action we take. How we live today has eternal consequences. We are to witness to the reign of Christ in the way we serve him in faithfulness, kindness and love to our neighbors in need. If this is our faith, each one of us has to ask ourselves where we stand and how we are to respond to the opportunity God constantly gives us to be among God's people now and forever.

The Sheep and the Goats

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something

to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Choir and Congregation's Sung Response

*Let justice roll, roll down like water
and righteousness like a flowing stream.
Let justice roll, roll down like water
and righteous like a flowing stream.*

Sermon

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Pastor Debra

I Dream of a Church...

Kristi Padley

Offertory Invitation

Pastor Debra

As we give our offerings today, I invite you to name your dreams for Harmony United Methodist Church. As you do, remember God uses our generous tithes and offerings to make our dreams a reality. No dream will ever be bigger than our God. So, go ahead and dream big dreams! Would the ushers come forward, please?

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

This Is My Song

**Doxology*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication*

For the gift of this church and its work in the world,

we give thanks.

For the ways these offerings can embody our welcome to friend and stranger alike,

we give thanks.

For the gift of this community bound and working together,

we give thanks.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

Closing Hymn

We Are Called

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Benediction

Pastor Debra

As counterintuitive as it may seem, let us believe that who we are together is infinitely stronger than who we are alone, even when we disagree. All parts of Christ's body depend on each other. Let the hard work of being a willing part of something greater than yourself be the labor of love you embrace for the sake of the world.

May the song you sing in your heart be pleasing to God, moving you to the passion and compassion of Jesus, uplifted by the Spirit that keeps you humming life's tune in love. Go forth in peace and justice. Amen.

Benediction Song

*May peace flow thorough me
as music through an instrument.
Let it flow through me
like the warmth of the sun.
May peace flow through me
so that I may be a vessel
Of the love of God for everyone,
for everyone.*

Postlude

Raise A Song of Glory

Jesu, Jesu

[Refrain:]

Jesu, Jesu,

***fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.***

*Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.*

(Refrain)

*Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,*

neighbors are near and far away.

(Refrain)

*These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.*

(Refrain)

*Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you.*

(Refrain)

*Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.*

(Refrain)

We Are Called

Refrain:

***We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God!***

*Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called
To be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God!*

Refrain

*Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called
To be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more!*

Refrain

*Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign,*

*And we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers
United in love!*
Refrain