



June 30, 2024
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Report on Annual Conference

Ric Humphreys

Prelude

You Are My All in All

Jernigan

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Call to Worship

Susan Whitman

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

All: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Leader: Let us worship God, the Light of the World.

All: We once were blind, but now we see. We once were far away, but now we are baptized into the family of God!

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

All: Through our worship may we announce the good news to all and invite all to know loving kindness of our God.

Opening Prayer

Susan Whitman

God our Father, we praise you for your steadfast love. In your kindness, you call out to us, seek us out and draw us close to you. Jesus Christ, we thank you for you are gentle and

lowly of heart. Meet us today and grant us your rest as we worship. Holy Spirit, we glorify you for you are the presence of the living God in and among us. Open our eyes that we may see and experience your power anew. Amen.

Hymn

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

UMH 384

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Susan Whitman

Christ has taken the scales from our eyes and turned our mourning into dancing. Rejoice with one another, remembering that the peace of Christ is with you.

Please turn to those around you and greet them with the peace of the resurrected Christ.

Children's Message

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

The Power of Your Love

Shari Laraway

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

Susan Whitman

Illuminate our minds with all that You would have us learn, and guide us into all truth, through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, we pray. Feed us with Your truth and nourish us with the food that came down from heaven, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our living Bread and heavenly Manna. Amen

Acts 9:1-22

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!”

“Yes, Lord,” he answered.

¹¹ The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

¹³ “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹ All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” ²² Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

***Hymn**

Something Beautiful

UMH 394

Sermon

“Watershed Moment”

Pastor Larry

The Apostles’ Creed

UMH 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

Morning Prayer

Pastor Larry

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.

Offertory Invitation

Susan Whitman

God is the giver of all good things,
the one who fashioned each of us with unique gifts
that together make the Body of Christ whole.
In gratitude for all we have received,
we offer our lives back to God — we share our time, our skills, our money
and in so doing, we say “yes” to God’s invitation
to join in our Creator’s work here on earth.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

The Sea of Galilee

Myers

**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*

Susan Whitman

Bountiful God,

All that we can offer you stems from your generosity.

May the gifts that we return to you

become a blessing for your whole community,

enriching and empowering us for the work to which you call us.

Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

Hymn

Victory in Jesus

UMH 370

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Benediction

Pastor Larry

Choral Benediction

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Postlude

Echo Fanfare

Smith

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.*

*2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.*

*3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

*4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

*Something beautiful, something good;
All my confusion he understood;
All I had to offer him
Was brokenness and strife,
But he made something beautiful of my life.*

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VICTORY IN JESUS

*I heard an old, old story,
How a Savior came from glory,
How he gave his life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning,
Of his precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins
And won the victory. **Refrain***

Refrain
O victory in Jesus,
My savior for ever!
He sought me and bought me
With his redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew him,
And all my love is due him;
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood.

*I heard about his healing,
Of his cleansing power revealing,
How he made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came
And brought to me the victory. **Refrain***

*I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing
And the old redemption story,
And some sweet day
I'll sing up there the song of victory. **Refrain***