



May 12, 2024 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church, Washington, DC

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Prelude *Ritornello on "Come, Thou Almighty King"* John Dixon
David Yoder, Organist

Welcome Lee Schriber, Minister of Engagement and Discipleship

+Invocation Anna Bostic
Watch over us, holy God, as we take time to pray and to meditate on the continuing impact of Easter on our lives. Jesus Christ has become for us the measure of life. He represents to us your gift of love and eternal life. We are a resurrection people no longer bound by fear of death but freed to become witnesses to the light. Nourish us to become like trees, planted beside streams of water, that flourish and bear much fruit because of your constant attention and abundant provisions for our needs. Be known to us here in this hour. Amen.

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+Hymn Timothy Nelson, Director of Music

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
No. 110, The United Methodist Hymnal

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be?

Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever..

Blessing of the Children

Harold Kuhn

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

(unison)

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.

+Passing the Peace of Christ

My Peace

My peace I give unto you;
it's a peace that the world cannot give.
It's a peace that the world cannot understand;
peace to know, peace to live.
My peace I give unto you.

New Testament Reading

Psalm 1

Ivey Best

(pages 110-111 in the New Testament section of the Bible in the pews)

Gospel Reading

John 17:6-19

(page 105 in the New Testament section of the Bible in the pews)

One: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to you.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Searching for...Protection

Min. Lee J. Schriber

+Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

No. 454, The United Methodist Hymnal

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear. (Refrain)

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share. (Refrain)

MVP Moment

Anna Bostic and Sarah Malaier

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Plenty Good Room

arr. Burroughs

+Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 94, The United Methodist Hymnal

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!

+Offertory Prayer

(unison)

Here, O God, is some of the abundance you have allowed us to manage for you while we are on this earth. May it be enough to draw us closer to you and to all whom we seek to help. May our hearts follow our treasure into growing devotion to your truth and expanded commitment to the unity in love that Jesus sought for all your children. Bless this offering, and increase our joy in giving. Amen.

+Hymn

Kum Ba Yah

No. 494, The United Methodist Hymnal

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Oh, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Oh,, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Oh, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone needs you, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone needs you, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone needs you, Lord, kum ba yah.
Oh, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah.
Oh, Lord, kum ba yah!

Let us praise the Lord, kum ba yah.
Let us praise the Lord, kum ba yah.
Let us praise the Lord, kum ba yah.
Oh, Lord, kum ba yah!

+Benediction

+Postlude

St. Michael Antiphonies

Carson Kooman

+Please rise in body or spirit.

Psalm 1 (The New Revised Standard Updated Edition)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous, for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

John 17:6-19 (The New Revised Standard Updated Edition)

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to you.

All: Thanks be to God.