WORSHIP BULLETIN for Sunday, November 8, 2020

“Neither Greek nor Gentile”

Organ/Piano Prelude  “American Medley”  Toni DiCapua, Mollie Wakeman

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise:  God of our Life  (words on next page)  no. 275

Prayer of Confession (in unison)  Leland Morine

Loving God, You created us all equal in Your sight, and we are to be a blessing to all. We are also to allow people different from ourselves to be a blessing to us. Forgive us when we fail to do this. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

Assurance of Pardon
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
People:  In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace
Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People:  And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements


Anthem:  “He Careth for You”…Kurt Kaiser  Choral Ensemble
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Old Testament Reading: I Kings 17:1-24

Sermon:  “Interwoven Stories”  Rev. George Swanson

Hymn of Response:  They Raged at Jesus’ Sermon (words on next page)

Prayers of the People
Reverend Anne Swanson

Closing Hymn: Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (words on next page)  no. 210

Benediction

Congregational Response:  Go Now in Peace

Organ/Piano Postlude  “God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand”
GOD OF OUR LIFE

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in Thee. In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see. With each new day, when morning lifts the veil, We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; with us abide. Lead us by faith to hope’s true promised land; be Thou our guide. With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light, And faith’s fair vision, changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown, we follow Thee. When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone, our refuge be. Be Thou for us in life our daily bread, Our heart’s true home when all our years have sped.

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GLORIA PATRI

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.

HE CARETH FOR YOU (Choral Ensemble)

He careth for you, He careth for you. When the worries and cares of your life, Seem to block out the rays of His light. Never forget, never lose sight For He careth for you. For He careth for you.
THEY RAGED AT JESUS' SERMON
(Tune: “Lead On, O King Eternal”)

They raged at Jesus' sermon in Jesus' own hometown,
For in the things he taught them, he turned life upside down;
It wasn’t just their neighbors who knew God's love and grace;
For Jesus said God favors, the ones we don't embrace.

In this world's noise and clatter, too often values shift;
We say Christ's words don't matter and throw them off a cliff.
We push aside the stranger, we walk right by the poor,
We disregard the prisoner and say we matter more.

God saved a foreign widow and rescued her from drought,
For when she helped Elijah, God also helped her out.
In Naaman, God's own favor to others was revealed;
Though many locals suffered, that Syrian was healed.

O God, your love is wider than we can comprehend;
You reach to the outsider and call the stranger "friend."
In Christ you gave a message transcending time and place
May we your church have courage to share your love and grace.

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OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight, are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

GO NOW IN PEACE

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true, know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe, reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.