Welcome

Announcements

Prelude  “An Irish Medley”  Trad. Irish tunes; Charles Coble, fiddle

Call to Worship

One: Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.
Many: Thanks be to God for God’s mighty wonders.
One: Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God’s majesty is revealed in all creation.
Many: We look around us at the wonders and marvel and the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.
One: Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?
Many: We are God’s beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for God’s world.

Hymn     NCH 469 “O Grant Us Light”

O grant us light, that we may know wisdom that you alone canst give,
That truth may guide us as we go,
and virtue bless the lives we live.

O grant us light that we may find where error lurks in human lore.
And turn to you our seeking minds,
to love your holy Word the more.

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How sure is joy for all who turn
to you an undivided heart.

O grant us light, when soon or late,
all earthly scenes shall pass away,
In you to find the open gate,
to deathless home and endless day.

Opening Prayer

God, Your grace reaches out to all of us. You call us to live as
citizens of heaven, working together with one heart and mind.
Strengthen us to live in a manner worthy of the Good News we have
received, offering our lives in service of Your kingdom, where the
last are first, and the first are last, and there is grace enough for all.
Amen.

~Time for silent reflection and prayer~

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ is with you all!
And also with you.

Response

“Lord, Prepare Me To Be a Sanctuary”

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and
true; with thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for You.
(repeat)

Reading

Psalm 104 | Mark 10: 35-45 (NRSV)

Psalm 104 (NRSV) Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you
are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in
light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you
set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds
your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds
your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Praise the LORD!

Mark 10: 35-45 (NRSV) James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

For the word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God.
Sermon

Rev. Ashley Anne Masters

Prayers of the People

We conclude with the Lord’s Prayer:
Our Father/Mother in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Stewardship Moment

A message from Santi Matthews (Youth and Adult Education Coordinator) and Maya.

Invitation to Give

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  - General – give to CUCC’s general fund
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Offertory “Canon in D”  J. Pachelbel; Charles Coble, violin

Offering Response  “Doxology” (Old Hundred)
    Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
    Praise God, all creatures here below,
    Praise God for all that Love has done
    Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

Dedication of the Offering
    We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the
    upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by
    what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away
generously, in this offering, To bless your church, your people,
your creation. Amen.
Hymn     TNBH “Nothing Can Separate Us”

Chorus:

Nothing can separate us
From the deep, deep love of God
Not trials or temptations
From the deep, deep love of God.

In times of deepest sorrow,
When joy seems lost and gone,
Christ stays our true companion;
We are never left alone.

If God our judge is for us,
Then who will stand against?
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Our Way to make amends.

God’s love:
the ground we walk on
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the air we breathe
God’s love:
the simple sunshine
God’s love:
our own heartbeat

Benediction

You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness. Go from this place knowing that God’s blessings have been poured on you so that you may be a blessing to others. Be at peace and bring the good news of God’s love and peace to all whom you meet. Amen.

Postlude     “Give Up Your Anxious Pains”     J.S Bach
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We thank all of those who created parts of today’s liturgy.
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