



January 21, 2024 - Livestream  
United Women in Faith Sunday

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*O Canto de Cisne Negro*  
*Prelude in Classic Style*

H. Villa-Lobos  
G. Young  
Marji Hanna, cello; Wendy Muston, harp

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jacqueline Blackwell Leonard

Leader: Now is the time to heed the call

**People: and bear witness to God's name.**

Leader: This is the place to share Christ's love

**People: and become the vessels of God's Redeeming Word.**

\*OPENING HYMN #114

*Many Gifts, One Spirit*

***God of change and glory, God of time and space,***

***when we fear the future, give to us your grace.***

***In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.***

**Refrain: *Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.***

***In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise***

***one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word***

***known in many ways, hallowing our days.***

***For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!***

***God many colors, God of many signs,***

***you have made us different, blessing many kinds.***

***As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear. [Refrain]***

***Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,***

***you are still creating endless love and light.***

***This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart. [Refrain]***

OPENING PRAYER

**Wonderful God,**

**by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.**

**Strengthen us by your Spirit, and empower us to heed your call,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Sovereign. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*You Do Not Walk Alone*

E. Hagenberg

Women of the Cathedral Singers; Kathleen Custer, Director

May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark. May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark. When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone, may you always remember when the shadows fall you do not walk alone.

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #743

Psalm 8

Mary McDonald

Leader: O Lord, Our Lord,

**People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Leader: Your glory is chanted above the heavens  
by the mouths of babes and infants:

**People: you have set up a defense against your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

**People: the moon and the stars which you have established;**

Leader: what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

**People: and mortals that you care for them?**

Leader: Yet you have made them little less than God,

**People: and crowned them with glory and honor.**

Leader: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

**People: you have put all things under their feet,**

Leader: all sheep and oxen,

**People: and also the beasts of the field,**

Leader: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

**People: whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

Leader: O Lord, Our Lord,

**People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth Coffey

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #2130

*The Summons*

***Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?***

***Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?***

***Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?***

***Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?***

***Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?***

***Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?***

***Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?***

***Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?***

***Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.***

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

##### THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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.**

##### MUSICAL RESPONSE #2013

*Bless the Lord*

***Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.***

##### OFFERTORY PRAYER

##### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Laudate Dominum*

W.A. Mozart  
Marji Hanna, cello; Wendy Muston, harp

##### \*DOXOLOGY #94

*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!***

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:31-45

<sup>31</sup> 'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup> 'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord." <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

<sup>38</sup> 'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup>and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup>and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup> 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*See All the People*

Amy Sell

HYMN #569

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

v. 1

***We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.***

***Refrain: For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright;  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.***

INSTALLATION OF UWF OFFICERS

Pastor: The mission of United Women in Faith is to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities. Will you, the leaders of this unit, pursue this mission?

**UWF Officers: We will.**

Pastor: As Naomi did with Ruth, will you walk with women in their journey of faith?

**UWF Officers: We will.**

Pastor: As Elizabeth did with Mary, will you rejoice with women in their calling to ministry?

**UWF Officers: We will.**

Pastor: As Dorcas and Lydia did for their generation, will you serve in the name of Christ?

**UWF Officers: We will.**

Pastor: As the United Women in Faith of this congregation may you live into the vision of being a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood who act for justice for women, children and youth.

**UWF Officers: Amen!**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal Mother and Midwife of our souls,  
pour out your Spirit on these women as they minister among us.  
Guide and strengthen them

for the work of mercy, justice and peace in this world,  
that together they may be one through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION # 569

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

v. 2-4

***We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword.***

***Refrain: For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright;  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.***

***We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above  
hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love. [Refrain]***

***We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God,  
might come to the truth of God. [Refrain]***

POSTLUDE

*Festival Concerto*

C. Penfield

### This week's worship leaders:

Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*  
John Hague, James Horton, and Allen McCormack, *Audio Visual*  
Heather Hinton, *Organist*

### Upcoming Events

January 21, Social Justice Java, 9:45am  
January 27, Prayer Workshop, 8:30am – 1:00pm  
February 2, Indiana Pacers v. Sacramento Kings, 7:30pm  
February 4, Youth Group Bowling, 2:00 – 4:00pm  
February 10, Eviction Sealing Event, 9:30am – 12:30pm  
February 11, featuring singer Callie Day at the 11:00am  
service

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### UWF Officers

Co-Presidents-Sue Childers and Jeanie Sanders  
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