

**MISSION & LAITY SUNDAY
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
October 18, 2020**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE, I PRAY THEE*

- Tune by J. Cruger/arr. by D. Wagner

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

WORDS OF WELCOME

SENTENCES OF ADORATION:

Leader: Praise be to you O God, who has awakened us to a new day of living, and who offers us a new life that dawns with the light of your grace and love.

People: Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love, Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, opening to the sun above.

Leader: Praise be to you O God, creator of the universe, time and space. We come here today, for a glimpse of your kingdom of kindness—a world where love rules over all, a world where enemies embrace, distinctions between friend and foe evaporating in the light of your love.

People: All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Leader: Praise be to you O God, as we seek discipleship with your son, Jesus Christ. We are here to renew our commitment: to study the scriptures, to communicate with you through prayer, to become involved in the church, to treat others as Jesus expects us to, to refrain from judgement, and to exhibit love, joy, patience, kindness, to seek the good in others as we promote peace.

People: Thou our Father, Christ our Brother – all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

CALL TO WORSHIP

SPECIAL MUSIC: *ANGELS AMONG US* by Kristen Chenoweth

REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:

Leader: God, you call us and sometimes...

People: we duck under the table, hoping you don't notice us.

Leader: God, you call us and sometimes...

People: we convince ourselves that we are too busy to be bothered

Leader: God, you call us and sometimes...

People: we pretend we don't hear you and walk away

Leader: God, you call us and sometimes...

People: we just say No!

Leader: We know that we aren't expected to do everything...

People: but we often forget that you call us to be ourselves in the places where our very self is what is needed most. So give us the grace to say "Yes" to your call, even now, as we offer our silent confessions...

Leader: Amen!

People: Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: God of grace comes to us in mercy, not judgment, gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

People: We are justified and we are sanctified by the sacrifice Jesus made for us! Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 15:7-8 and 10-11

Gospel: Matthew: 25: 35-40

MESSAGE: *Angels Among Us*

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling written by Daniel March

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the master calls you;
Rich reward he offers free.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I Lord, Send me, send me."

~Cindy Talaber: Keeping America Warm

~Caroline Frantz: Tails of Valor

~Marge Kichline: Easter Love

If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus;
You can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgement's dread alarms
You can lead the little children
To the Savior's waiting arms.

~Mim Allison: Blanketed in Love

~Karen Talboo: Dress A Boy

~Tracy & Lily Adams: Blood Drive for Makayla

If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Offering life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.

~ Hite Family: Puppy Love & Neighbor in Need

~ Karen Talboo: Haitian Families

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying
And the master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly;
Let his work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when he calls you,
"Here am I Lord, Send Me, Send Me!"

These Angels were unable to participate in today's service but we wish to recognize them:
~ Donna Schoenberger ~Karen Long ~John Barone ~Tim Hovis Family

PRAYERS FOR FAITH CHURCH'S MISSIONS

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL AND WORK

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A Celebration of Faith

Leader: We believe that we are all God's children!

Unison: We are a woven cloth of diverse colors made of many gifts and graces.

Leader: We are the people flowing forth from our Creator God,

Unison: Surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.

Leader: We are raw material for rewarding relationships as our lives interweave,

Unison: Contributing one to the other, holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.

Leader: We are each worthy of being respected and cared for

Unison: Essential to the pattern, skilled in our appointed tasks, sources of laughter and sharers of tears.

Leader: We commit ourselves to work together

Unison: That one day, this world may be a place where all people live in justice, freedom, and peace.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *GO LIGHT YOUR CANDLE* by Chris Rice

-Darin Jellison

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Heavenly Father, Strengthen your Church to go out into the world and serve those who need to be delivered from their hardships.

Unison: Strengthen us, O God, to serve our community with zeal and joy.

Leader: Work through us, your church and your chosen people, to help bring light to this community.

Unison: Hold us be accountable for the restoration to those who are broken and are in need of a touch from the Lord.

Leader: Fill us with the fire that urges us to be your witnesses through service;

Unison: Come with filling power, O God.

Leader: Sustain those who face long illness, bearing them up on the wings of faith and courage;

Unison: Renew within us a spirit of mission, O God.

Leader: Lord God, you are a healer to those who need healing and a comforter to those who need comforting. Hear now the names of those who weigh heavy on our hearts:

Leader: Let us pray together the prayer that your Son taught us:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Leader: God said, if you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Unison: Lord of heaven and earth, we long to be faithful givers, we return a small portion back to You, the one who has given everything to us. May your Spirit of abundance, grace these gifts and may they be of use in the world in service of your love for all people. In this hour of worship, help us to grasp the freedom that comes from seeing you more clearly, loving you more dearly, and following you more nearly. Day by day, give us strength and courage to be your people in this time, in this place. Amen

GO IN GOD'S NAME

SPECIAL MUSIC: LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

-Brian Jones

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: FUGUE IN G MAJOR - D. Buxtehude

*Special thanks to **Darin Jellison** and **Brian Jones** for their special music.*

And Mission Team members:

***Cindy Talaber, Jerry & Elaine Trexler, Sandi Disanto, Diane Neidermeirer, and
Caroline Frantz** for sharing the readings.*

*Thank you to **Pastor Bruce** for recording and assisting with our service today.*

Blessings to All!

We Ask for Your Prayers and Support of Faith Church's Missions

Child Sponsorship-Global Ministries:

Robert Clive living in India

Yousef Nihad living in Jerusalem

Local Missions

Betty Lou's Pantry

Allentown Rescue Mission

The Caring Place- Allentown

Pathways- Lehigh Conference of Churches

Angel Missions (Create your own mission)

Lehigh Valley Hope Chests

Phoebe Home

The Samaritan Fund

Helping Hands

Faith's Forget-Me-Nots

Regional and National Missions

Pitt-Hopkins Research (Race for Rylie)

Bethany Children's Home

International Missions

Church World Services Blankets-February

Beyond Borders- Haiti Reading Initiative

Sponsorship of 7 Haitian Families

Haiti- Dress A Girl & Boy at Maison de Benediction

Heifer International

UCC Special Offerings

Neighbors in Need- October

The Christmas Fund-December

One Great Hour of Sharing- April

Strengthen the Church- June

Our Church's Wider Mission-Ongoing