

Order of Worship
October 23rd 2022 ~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Morpheus
Rebecca Clarke

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

We believe in God, who made us in His image.

We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like Him.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son.

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator – He is our joy!

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously,
when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children,
when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

– from the website of the Charlton United Methodist Church

Hymn of Praise

Oh How Good It Is
Worship Supplement #175

Verse 1

Oh how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us

Chorus

So with one voice we'll sing to the
Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His
word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His
people

Verse 2

Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging

Chorus

So with one voice we'll sing to the
Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His
word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His
people

Verse 3

Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit

Chorus

So with one voice we'll sing to the
Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His
word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His
people

Opening Prayer

Exquisite and down to earth,
luxurious and everyday,
rare and commonplace:
this Christ calls his followers to be.
Called to invade
and infect the neighbourhood,
making a difference by living in light and inviting others
to taste the goodness of God.
God invites us to be
beautiful and attractive,
to flaunt God's marvellous creation until all are drawn
to God's wonderful light.
Amen.

~ written by Rev Liz Crumlish

Special Music

Adagio & Allegro from Sonata No. 2 for Viola da Gamba
J. S. Bach

Scripture Reading

Rebecca Paschal, reader

Numbers 22:21-31

Good News Translation

21 So the next morning Balaam got up, saddled his donkey, and started off with the Moabite officials. 22 But God was angry that Balaam was going, so he sent the angel of the Lord to stand in the road to block his way. As Balaam and two servants were riding along, 23 Balaam's donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand. The donkey bolted off the road into a field, but Balaam beat it and turned it back onto the road. 24 Then the angel of the Lord stood at a place where the road narrowed between two vineyard walls. 25 When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it tried to squeeze by and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall. So Balaam beat the donkey again. 26 Then the angel of the Lord moved farther down the road and stood in a place too narrow for the donkey to get by at all. 27 This time when the donkey saw the angel, it lay down under Balaam. In a fit of rage Balaam beat the animal again with his staff.

28 Then the Lord gave the donkey the ability to speak. "What have I done to you that deserves your beating me three times?" it asked Balaam.

29 "You have made me look like a fool!" Balaam shouted. "If I had a sword with me, I would kill you!"

30 "But I am the same donkey you have ridden all your life," the donkey answered. "Have I ever done anything like this before?"

"No," Balaam admitted.

31 Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the roadway with a drawn sword in his hand. Balaam bowed his head and fell face down on the ground before him.

Matthew 5:13-16

Good News Translation

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

14 "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Gifts of Humor, Laughter, and Joy – Part 1
Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

Pastoral Prayer**Prayers of the People**

Rebecca Paschal, Reader

Offertory

Märchenbilder, Op. 113 Mvt. IV Langsam
Robert Schumann

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

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Communion**Lord's Prayer**

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

I've Found A Friend In Jesus/The Lily Of The Valley
Red Hymnal #626

Verse 1

I have found a friend in Jesus He's
ev'rything to me
He's the fairest of ten thousand to
my soul
The Lily of the Valley in Him alone I
see
All I need to cleanse and make me
fully whole
In sorrow He's my comfort in trouble
He's my stay
He tells me ev'ry care on Him to roll

Chorus

He's the Lily of the Valley
The bright and Morning Star
He's the fairest of ten thousand to
my soul

Verse 2

He all my grief has taken and all my
sorrows borne
In temptation He's my strong and
mighty tow'r
I have all for Him forsaken and all
my idols torn
From my heart and now He keeps
me by His pow'r
Though all the world forsake me
And Satan tempts me sore
Through Jesus I shall safely reach
the goal

Chorus

He's the Lily of the Valley
The bright and Morning Star
He's the fairest of ten thousand to
my soul

Verse 3

He will never never leave me nor yet
forsake me here
While I live by faith and do His
blessed will
A wall of fire about me I've nothing
now to fear
With His manna He my hungry soul
shall fill
Then sweeping up to glory to see
His blessed face
Where rivers of delight shall ever roll

Chorus

He's the Lily of the Valley
The bright and Morning Star
He's the fairest of ten thousand to
my soul

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Closing Prayer

"Blow the trumpets;
play the lute and harp;
shake the tambourine;
hear the strings and pipe;
dance—
we praise God!
Let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places
and in joyful ways.
Let the laughter be deep,
for we are God's people."
Amen.

— Arthur Gafke, printed in the Joyful Noiseletter

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Abigail Dreher & Terry Lee
and Michael Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

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Reader: Rebecca Paschal
Altar Setter : Judi Loubier
Fellowship Host: Ellie Striegler

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