

Sunday, October 3, 2021

We'd like to thank all who are joining us virtually on YouTube, Facebook, or our website. We welcome our radio audience on WCBC where this service will air next week at 9am. We also welcome those joining us in the Parking lot via 92.3 FM.

Welcome to worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday School for all ages. Join us for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. [Preregister your kids here](#). Download the [Parent Cue](#) app for more involvement. ***NEW*** High School class is now available on Sunday morning. Join the youth on Sunday evening @ 6:30.
- October Mission Project – [Operation Christmas Child](#) Shoebox packing and wrapping party! October 17 @ 9:30AM. Give online.
- [Habitat for Humanity](#) is accepting applications for your new home. October 7, 5PM. @ LaVale Baptist Church.
- [First Way Pregnancy Center](#) – Fall Fundraising Banquet, October 19, 6PM. Call (301) 697-2708 for tickets.
- Local mission opportunity: [Maryland Poor People's Campaign: Western Region](#). Join us! "God helps those who can't help themselves," Rev. Frankie. Bible study and discussion October 23rd 1PM in the Fellowship Hall @ LaVale United.
- CROP Walk 5K walk on the Great Allegheny Passage on Sunday, October 10, 2021 @ 1:30PM. Registration at the CBIZ Parking Lot. The walk supports hunger missions locally, around the country and the world. Fundraising has begun! You can donate and/or join the [LaVale United Team](#).

Questions? Call the church office (301) 722-6800.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Please rise)**

Psalm 26

26:1 Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

26:2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.

26:3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

26:4 I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

26:5 I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

26:6 I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD,

26:7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

26:8 O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

26:9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty,

26:10 those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

26:11 But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

26:12 My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the LORD.

PRELUDE/LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER

We gather today, seeking the peace Christ gives. We gather, in spite of many a conflict, many a doubt, within our souls. We gather, longing for the breath of God's Spirit to give us courage and renewal. Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest. Bless us through the power of your Spirit and give us the courage to live as your disciples day by day. Amen.

Ruth C. Duck, in *Flames of Spirit: Resources for Worship*, Ruth Duck, ed, Pilgrim Press, 1985, 59.

***OPENING HYMN** – Here I Am, Lord (vs. 1, 2)

Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

1:1 There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

2:1 One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

2:2 The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."

2:3 The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason."

2:4 Then Satan answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives.

2:5 But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face."

2:6 The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

2:7 So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

2:8 Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

2:9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die."

2:10 But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

SERMON – "To and Fro on the Earth" Rev. Frankie Revell

COMMUNION

PRAYER QUILTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace and goodness, your blessings in our lives have been so abundant that when trials come, we become disoriented. Our needs have so often been met that when we're challenged in life, we wonder what's wrong. Why isn't the world perfectly aligned to meet our desires? This morning, we give our tithes and offerings, with hope that we might ground ourselves in gratitude for the blessings that we so easily come to take for granted. We pray for eyes to see clearly the bright mountains and the dark valleys, with grateful hearts for both. In Christ, we pray. Amen. (Job 1:1, 2:1-10)

***CLOSING HYMN** - Soldiers of Christ Arise (Verses 1, 3, 4)

Verse 1

Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armor on,
strong in the strength that God supplies
thru his eternal Son;
strong in the Lord of Hosts,
and in his mighty power,
who in strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.

Verse 3

Pray without ceasing, pray,

(your Captain gives the word)
his summons cheerfully obey
and call upon the Lord;
to God your every want
in instant prayer display,
pray always, pray and never faint,
pray, without ceasing, pray.

Verse 4

From strength to strength go on,
wrestle and fight and pray,
tread all the powers of darkness down
and win the well-fought day.
Still let the Spirit cry
in all his soldiers, "Come!"
till Christ the Lord descends from high
and takes the conquerors home.

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***BENEDICTION (Please Rise)**

Refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events around us.
Refuse to believe we are bound by racism, war, and injustice.

Instead,

Believe those around us are our brothers and sisters.

Believe that our brokenness can be healed.

Believe that we can overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to it.

Reject revenge and retaliation and remember, "Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can."

***POSTLUDE**

***DISMISSAL**