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## **WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

### **GREETING – Psalm 118: 24**

One: This is the day that the lord has made!

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **GATHERING MUSIC      THIS IS THE DAY #84**

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather to worship in the name of our God who provides. But we often fear that there isn't enough. Not enough money or material possessions, not enough love, not enough grace.

**ALL: We live in an abundant world. Our creator makes it so.**

One: Move our hearts, lessen our fears in this hour.

**ALL: There is enough for everyone when we share from our abundance.**

One: Let us give thanks and praise to the God of Abundant Love!

**ALL: Let us give thanks and Praise to the God of Enough!**

### **\*HYMN    Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise #1**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;  
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**Your life is life-giving to both great and small;  
in all life you're living, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,  
then wither and perish but naught dims your powers**

**So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,  
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we now render as your angels do:  
in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.**

**\* UNISON PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: God of unity, bring us together just as you called the people of Israel to gather manna in the desert to eat and sustain life. Help us to recognize and accept the nutrients we need to remain connected to you: the food that endures—faith, hope, and love. May we grow into new circles of understanding and being, reflecting the ways in which we have been touched by your holy manna. Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread. Amen**

**ALL: 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S STILL SPEAKING VOICE**

**SCRIPTURE Exodus 16:1-18 New Revised Standard Version**

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when

they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.’” The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no storage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

One: God is still speaking

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**MESSAGE    God Provides**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*HYMN Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer #18

Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, ever be my strength and shield,  
ever be my strength and shield.

When I reach the River Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on heaven's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to you,  
I will ever sing to you.

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYERS

### THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

One: We are called to love God with our whole heart and mind and strength.

**ALL: Called to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

One: We bring before God our gifts, our talents, our praise and prayers as a sign of that love. Let us pray for God's blessings on all our offerings.

**ALL: Loving God, accept all that we joyfully offer you this day. May we grow in faith and love that our whole lives might be a witness to your goodness. Amen**

**\*HYMN Great is Your Faithfulness #423**

**Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,  
with you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;  
all of your goodness forever will be.**

**(Refrain:) Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness! Morning by  
morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand has provided,  
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
to our great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**(Refrain:) Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness! Morning by  
morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand has provided,  
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,  
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.**

**(Refrain:) Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness! Morning by  
morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand has provided,  
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!**

## WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

### \*COMMISSION

One: Let us go forth with faith in our Nonperishable God, who gives us enough each day to feed our bodies and spirits.

**ALL: May the holy Bread of Life create nourishment for our journeys.**

One: God created each of us as enough.

**ALL: So lets be filled with gratitude, graciousness and sharing with others.**

One: Soon we will leave this building, but we are always the church, the body of Christ.

**ALL: We are the hands and feet of Jesus, carrying God's love and grace to the world.**

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*SUNG BENEDICTION

#### Worship Resources:

Adapted from The **Bread of Life**, written by the Rev. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi. Posted on the **United Church of Christ** website.

Adapted from Tim Graves, and posted on his blog **LiturgyBits: Little bits for worship.**

## **Announcements:**

**Flowers donated by Gail Crissey “In memory of Norman Crissey”**

**The Guild will continue to meet at 3 pm on the first Tuesday** of the month. EXCEPT in November when there is a conflict with election day, we will meet on Wednesday November 3

**Next Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, Scripture:** 1 Samuel 3:1-21 New Revised Standard Version

**We will be participating in the LANCASTER PRIDE FEST.** Sunday October 24 at Clipper Stadium. If you are willing to take a shift at our table, please speak with Kathy Jones.

**Join us for Bible Study each Monday at 7pm by Zoom.** We will discuss the scriptures for the following Sunday's sermon. The Zoom link will be emailed Monday morning.

**Join us for our study of the book Reunion: A Bible Study for Churches Getting Back Together** Our next meeting will be TODAY, October 10 at 1:30pm

**Our next movie night Friday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Movie to be decided. Let pastor Patty know if you have any suggestions.

**Our next Arts & Crafts Night will be October 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm.** Bring your own craft or come to chat.

**We have posted a wish list in the Narthex-** Can you help with an item or more? Huge thank you to everyone who has already donated items!

**Please consider helping with our worship. Ushers, Lay Readers, Sound/Video Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.**

**Please contact Pastor Patty** if you have any concerns or needs, or if you just need to talk. Phone: 570-506-0677, email: [Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org](mailto:Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org)

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