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Leaders in Today's Worship Service

ACCOMPANIST: JILL KOHLER
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Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 22nd, 2023

11:30AM

Acts 10:9-17 (The Voice)

⁹ Just as these men were nearing Joppa about noon the next day, Peter went up on the flat rooftop of *Simon the tanner's house*. He planned to pray, ¹⁰ but he soon grew hungry. While his lunch was being prepared, Peter had a vision of his own—*a vision that linked his present hunger with what was about to happen*: ¹¹ A rift opened in the sky, and a wide container—something like a huge sheet suspended by its four corners—descended through the torn opening toward the ground. ¹² This container teemed with four-footed animals, creatures that crawl, and birds—*pigs, bats, lizards, snakes, frogs, toads, and vultures*.

A Voice: ¹³ Get up, Peter! Kill! Eat!

Peter: ¹⁴ No way, Lord! *These animals are forbidden in the dietary laws of the Hebrew Scriptures!* I've never eaten nonkosher foods like these before—*not once in my life!*

A Voice: ¹⁵ If God calls something permissible and clean, you must not call it forbidden and dirty!

¹⁶ Peter saw this vision three times; but the third time, the container of animals flew up through the rift in the sky, *the rift healed*, ¹⁷ and Peter was confused and unsettled as he tried to make sense of this strange vision.

At that very moment, *Peter heard the voices of Cornelius's* delegation, who had asked for directions to Simon's house, coming from the front gate.

Entering Music Accompanist

Welcoming Pastor Dave

Preparing Accompanist

***Gathering** Lay Reader

Reader: In all our living, may we be freed to see things afresh, to be more fully alive, and have the courage to keep faith that God is present with us every moment.

Many Voices: Abiding God, grant us the joy of knowing we are all held in your vast and never-ending love. Amen.

***Singing** "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH #548

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Blessing Children

Singing "I Love You, Lord" (x2) TFWS #2068

Praying Lay Reader

[silent prayer]

Reader: When we are tempted to add our noise to the shouting of opinions and doctrines,

Many Voices: Teach us, O Christ, the art of quiet proclamation.

Reader: When we face the explosion of guns and missiles, and the loud justifications of deadly violence and hatred,

Many Voices: Teach us, O Christ, the art of quiet proclamation.

Reader: When we are overwhelmed by the wails of those who grieve and suffer, and by the rants of those who deny the world's pain,

Many Voices: Teach us, O Christ, the art of quiet proclamation.

[silent prayer]

Reader: When we are lured by the song of materialism, and lulled by the pull of the expedient over what is just,

Many Voices: Teach us, O Christ, the art of quiet proclamation.

Reader: In all the places where your love and justice are unheard, where the song of your grace is silenced, and where the noise of sin robs people of life,

Many Voices: Teach us, O Christ, to hear the whispers of your reign, and to quietly, patiently, persistently proclaim your Gospel in word and action.

[silent prayer]

Our prayer continues as Jesus taught us, saying... [Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]

***Singing** "All Creatures of Our God and King" (Vs. 1-5) UMH #62

Giving Pastor Dave

Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer Accompanist & Lay Reader

Many Voices: Gracious God, you are the source of every good gift. Bless our tithes and offerings to empower your mission for us to be people of compassion, mercy, and love. Amen.

Reading Scripture Lay Reader

Acts 10:9-17 (The Voice)

Reader: May God add blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

Many Voices: Amen.

Proclaiming "What's That Old Slogan Again?" Pastor Dave

***Singing** "As a Fire is Meant for Burning" TFWS #2237

***Sending Forth** Pastor Dave

Exiting Music Accompanist

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Verse 1

As a fire is meant for burning
With a bright and warming flame,
So the church is meant for mission,
Giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
But to build a bridge of care,
We join hands across the nations,
Finding neighbors everywhere.

Verse 2

We are learners; we are teachers;
We are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
We are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
We would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
We would live to God's delight.

Verse 3

As a green bud in the springtime
Is the sign of life renewed,
So may we be signs of oneness
'Mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
When a storm is past and gone,
May our lives reflect the radiance
Of God's new and glorious dawn.

HYMNS

In Christ There Is No East Or West

Verse 1

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Verse 2

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind.

Verse 3

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
And neither slave nor free;
Both male and female heirs are made,
And all are kin to me.

Verse 4

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham, Stewart Landon, Unknown

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I Love You Lord

Chorus

I love You, Lord,
And I lift my voice
To worship You,
O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King,
In what You hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear. (Repeat)

Laurie Klein

All Creatures of Our God And King

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 2

O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,
By which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 3

O sister water, flowing clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night
Providing warmth, enhancing sight,
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 4

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them God's glory also show!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 5

All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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St. Francis of Assisi, William Henry Draper

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