

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 6, 2024

Welcome to our church



United Methodist Church
of
Holyoke, South Hadley & Granby

Pastor Hwang Heo
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CELEBRATE DIVERSITY - All are welcome - loved for who you are, exactly as you are. If this is your first visit, please stay after worship so we can meet and say hello.

If you are able, please stand at the places marked with an asterisk (*). For all other portions of the service, you may remain seated.

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Welcome Pastor Hwang Heo

Announcements

Prelude

Choral Introit: *God Is So Good* (traditional)

Welcome **Passing the Peace**

Call To Worship: responsive reading

L: Your steadfast love is before our eyes, O God.

P: Help us move in faithfulness.

L: When tests and trials come—when evil itself appears—we place our trust in you, O Knower of joy and suffering.

P: Help us move with integrity.

L: Place us on level ground, O Redeemer.

ALL: Move us to sing songs of thanksgiving and to proclaim your wondrous deeds.

***Hymn #122:** *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*

1. God of the sparrow

God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

2. God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

3. God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

4. God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

5. God of the neighbour
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

6. God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Morning Prayer unison

Gracious God, through whom all things exist, we are mindful this day of siblings in faith around the world. We rejoice in our oneness with them. We are mindful, too, of those near at hand and those far away— those who suffer from ills and calamities, from wars and disasters. Be present with them and us, we pray— even as you fix our hearts on you and

how we might, in faith, respond to the needs of neighbors around the world. Amen.

Celebrations & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

***Gloria Patri**

UMH #71

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Psalm 26 pg. 503 Old Testament

1Vindicate me, LORD,
for I have led a blameless life;
I have trusted in the LORD
and have not faltered.
2Test me, LORD, and try me,
examine my heart and my mind;
3for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love
and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.
4I do not sit with the deceitful,
nor do I associate with hypocrites.
5I abhor the assembly of evildoers
and refuse to sit with the wicked.
6I wash my hands in innocence,
and go about your altar, LORD,
7proclaiming aloud your praise
and telling of all your wonderful deeds.
8LORD, I love the house where you live,
the place where your glory dwells.
9Do not take away my soul along with sinners,
my life with those who are bloodthirsty,
10in whose hands are wicked schemes,
whose right hands are full of bribes.
11I lead a blameless life;
deliver me and be merciful to me.
12My feet stand on level ground;
in the great congregation I will praise the LORD.

***Hymn: #351: Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior**

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

Refrain:

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

2. Let me at thy throne of mercy
find a sweet relief,
kneeling there in deep contrition;
help my unbelief.

Refrain

3. Trusting only in thy merit,
would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by thy grace.

Refrain

4. Thou the spring of all my comfort,
more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside thee?
Whom in heaven but thee?

Refrain

Scriptures:

Job 1:1; 2:1-10 pg. 453 Old Testament

1 In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

2 On another day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them to present

himself before him. **2** And the Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."

3 Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

4 "Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. **5** But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face."

6 The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life."

7 So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. **8** Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

9 His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!"

10 He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 pg. 218 New Testament

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. **3** The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the

exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. **4** So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

5 It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. **6** But there is a place where someone has testified:

“What is mankind that you are mindful of them,
a son of man that you care for him?”

7
You made them a little^[a] lower than the angels;
you crowned them with glory and honor

8
and put everything under their feet.”

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. **9** But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

10 In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. **11** Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. **12** He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

Mark 10:2-16 pg. 46 New Testament

2 Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

3 “What did Moses command you?” he replied.

4 They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

5 “It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. **6** “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ **7** ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, **8** and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. **9** Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

10 When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. **11** He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. **12** And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

13 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. **14** When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. **15** Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” **16** And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

L. This is The Word of God, for the People of God.

P. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Hwang Heo

Ministry in Music: *Hold to God's Unchanging Hand*

By Jennie Wilson

Invitation to Communion

***Hymn #2260:** *Let Us Be Bread*

Refrain:

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured.
Let us be one in the Lord.

1 I am the bread of life,
broken for all.
Eat now and hunger no more. **Refrain**

2 You are my friends if you keep my commands,
no longer servants but friends. **Refrain**

3 See how my people have nothing to eat.
Give them the bread that is you. **Refrain**

4 As God has loved me so I have loved you.
Go and live on in my love. **Refrain**

***Offering**

***Doxology** UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Benediction

Postlude

Offering: Please leave your offering in the plate. The Lord has given us so much, let us remember to return some to His church.

-Prayer List: Carol Brunelle, Beth Dietz, Tim O'Donnell, Kathy Washburn, Lily Marion, Darlene Dout, Heidi Barta, Renata Cournoyer, Lucy Huegli, Kevin McLaughlin, Bill Pead, Bill Beyer, Jerry Rubackin, Jim Anspach's Family - parents, Gene & Rene and Uncles Earl & Tom Anspach, Mark Felsentreger, Bob Falgares, Anna Dunlap, Christie Pead, Scott Shippey, Barbara Granger, Mary Lou Guarnera, Our Church

Every Sunday after worship: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and...

Today: After service choir rehearsal
October 9: 9:00 a.m. UWF All invited to join us.
October 10: 6:00 p.m. Bell choir
6:45 p.m. Choir
October 17: 6:00 p.m. Bell choir
October 18: 5-5:30 p.m. Grab & Go
October 22: 6:00 p.m. Council & Trustees in Pastor's office & on Zoom.
October 25: Movie night 5:30-8:00 p.m.
October 27: Casseroles for Kate's Kitchen are due.

-Will you bring a snack on a Sunday morning? Signup on the sheet in Fellowship Hall.

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Communion

Communion Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Confession and Pardon

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Taking the bread and cup

Trusting in the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit upon each of us, we hear anew the sacred story in the letter Paul wrote to the people of ancient Corinth: For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (I Corinthians 11.23-26, NIV)

The Lord's prayer

Longing for Christ's coming, let us pray in the words that

he taught, saying:

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. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the bread

We give thanks for Rev. Sooyoun Kim and Wesley UMC for sharing these consecrated elements. Because there is one loaf, We, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Giving the bread and cup

We will be receiving communion in a continuous line. Please come forward, receive the elements, and return to your seat before consuming them.

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Prayer

Most bountiful God, we give you thanks for the world you have created, for the gift of life, and for giving yourself to us in Jesus Christ, whose holy life, suffering and death, and glorious resurrection have delivered us from slavery to sin and death. We thank you that in the power of your Holy Spirit you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. We are your children, and yours is the glory, now and forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Grab & Go

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fill out the form and leave it on the offering plate.

Include your name, phone & number of meals

Notify us if anyone in your party has a food allergy.

If you will help, sign up, call or email the church.

Helping is fun.

I will help _____

Take & Go Reservations

Name _____

Phone number _____

No. of meals _____

-Community Food Drive To Benefit Our Senior Centers & Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.

Area Churches And Businesses will have out bins and boxes for collections.

Please bring Non-Perishable In Date Foods to support those in need. September 22nd- October 12th with Everything being brought to Church Of Christ at 235 State St. Granby Ma 01033 by 1pm October 13th.

Let's Come Together And Support Our Community.

-In the wake of **Hurricane Helene**, countless families are facing the overwhelming aftermath of destruction—homes, churches and businesses leveled, communities displaced, and essential resources like food and water in short supply. The road to recovery will be long, but together, we can bring hope and healing to those affected by this disaster.

UMCOR-trained Early Response Teams (ERTs) are coordinating across the region to remove debris, tarp roofs and clean out homes. Cleaning and hygiene kits are being shipped and delivered to hard-hit areas. And most importantly, UMCOR is supporting the vital efforts of annual conference disaster response ministries.

You can make a difference today by giving to UMCOR, **100 percent** of your donation will go directly to assist families impacted by Hurricane Helene. Your generosity will provide immediate relief and also support long-term recovery efforts in communities all across the southeastern United States.

Together, we can serve as the hands and feet of Christ alongside those suffering at this time, offering them the care and support they need to rebuild their lives.

In Mission together,

Roland Fernandes

General Secretary,

Global Ministries and UMCOR