

Unified Worship – October 20, 2024 Stewardship Consecration Sunday Worship Leader – Master

Gathering Music

Greeting and Announcements

Transition to Worship and Opening Prayer

Prelude

**Call to Worship

One: We, who are thirsty, long for water.

Many: God will cause water to spring up for us.

One: We, who are weak, long for strength.

Many: God will strengthen our hearts and bodies.

One: We, who are broken, long for restoration.

Many: God will bring the pieces of our world together.

One: Let us Imagine Together: Many: A World Made Whole



Children's Time

Sending Song

Jesus Loves You

NCH #327 (adapted)

Jesus loves you! This we know, for the Bible tells us so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!

Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so!

Scripture Isaiah 35

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;
⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp;
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

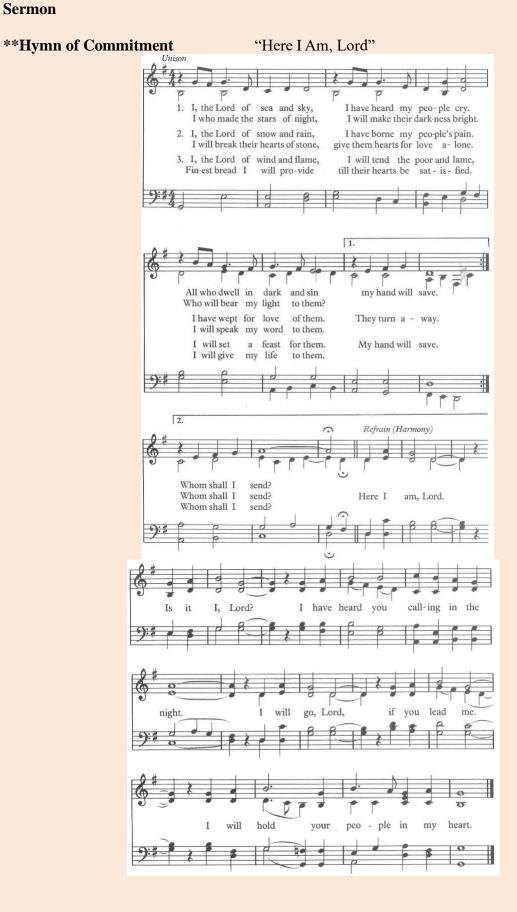
A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Choral Anthem "As the Deer" Nystrom/Wagner





Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Spoken Prayer and 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 sins/trespasses as we forgive those who sin/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.

We Offer our Gifts and Dedicate our Pledges

Offertory "We Sing to You, O God" by Gracia Grindal
Anthony Storle, soloist

**Presentation and Doxology

ology 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!

**Prayer of Dedication

God of repair and restoration, we are so grateful for all the miracles that you have given us- our lives, our livelihoods, and this community of faith. We pray that you would use these gifts to continue making miracles. Amen.

****Hymn** "Dream God's Dream" SP&P 120



Postlude (please be seated for the postlude)