

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58:6-12

⁶“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? ⁸Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. ⁹Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, ¹⁰and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. ¹²Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

² And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power. ⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”— the things God has prepared for those who love him— ¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

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Time of Reflection

Pianist: Joel Blair

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Chris

L: Called to be light,

P: we would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.

L: Called to be salt,

P: we would enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.

L: Called to live in God's reality,

P: we would welcome everyone as sisters and brothers in faith

****Hymn #577 (UMH) *"God of Grace and God of Glory"***

****Morning Prayer (unison)**

Gracious God, we praise you and thank you for all that you have bestowed upon us - for this day in which we have our being – for your word which refreshes us as we open ourselves to it - for your wisdom which comes to us as we follow Jesus - for the light that shines upon us when we turn to you in prayer. Help us this day to glorify your name in our hymns and songs and in our prayers and meditations in this sanctuary - and by all that we say and do before others when we leave it. Help us to be the salt of the earth and a light to the world. We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

****Greet One Another**

Children's Sermon

Bill

****Gloria Patri**

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.

Scriptures

Isaiah 58:6-12, I Corinthians 2:1-12

Hymn #389 (UMH)

"Freely, Freely"

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

Pastor Sharon Nelson

Meditation

Call to Communion

L: We are so grateful that God has welcomed us to this table,

P: We celebrate this, and all the ways that God cares for us and shows us love.

L: It is good to be reminded of God's compassion and generosity,

P: And it is good to respond with thanksgiving, with praise, and with generous living.

L: Lord God, we are here because you have made it possible,

P: You made us to be your children, in your image,

L: You have always surrounded us with your presence, and in Christ you have shared all that makes us human. In bringing Jesus back from death, you have made full and everlasting life available to us, and you have given us hope in the promise of your coming kingdom.

P: We have done nothing to earn these gifts, we cannot claim to be deserving, but in your mercy, you welcome us freely. Thank you.

Invitation Hymn # 2264 (FWS)

"Come to the Table"

Celebration of Holy Communion

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 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.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering - Please sign Pew Pad.

****Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Offertory Prayer, Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God of mercy and might, you have called us to "flavor" the world with compassion and to illuminate the world with generous spirits. We give this morning with grateful hearts, hoping that in our giving the spotlight doesn't fall on us but on you! Bless the offering we give, and may the world come to know you and your son, as our light shines. We pray this in the name of your son, Jesus the Christ, who is love and light to the world. Amen.

****Hymn #578 (UMH)**

"God of Love and God of Power"

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***Blessing**

Go in peace, and may the God of light illuminate your path and shine forth from you; may the God of salt flavor and preserve you and bring hope to life through you; indeed may the God of love -- the Father, the Son, and The Holy Spirit - abide in you and take flesh through you in our world, both now and forevermore. Amen