

SATURDAY WORSHIP

November 21, 2009

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC:

- *Jon Whitmore at the Organ*
- *“All Creatures of Our God and King” #62 UMH*
- *“Joyful, Joyful” #89 UMH*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Be glad and rejoice, for God has done great things. Our mouths are filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

PEOPLE: A harvest of abundance surrounds us. We will eat in plenty and be satisfied.

Leader: Praise God for all the bounty we enjoy. Give thanks for every good and perfect gift.

PEOPLE: We lay aside our worries and our fears. God has dealt wondrously with us, and we rejoice.

Leader: Seek first God's realm of righteousness. Let God reign in all your thoughts and relationships.

ALL: We know God is with us here. We trust God to supply what we most need.

SINGING: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” #694 UMH

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of life and all living, we give your thanks on this November Saturday for the chilly, windy beauty of these late autumn days- for the leaf-lost trees and wet streets, for geese and birds vanishing south, for squirrels finishing their acorn gathering, for early dark and for the sober brown and gray of earth and sky and pond which remind us of pilgrim garb. We thank you for the warmth we find in family, friends, and church that sustains us now and in the winter months of our lives. We thank you for the harvest of good words we find in the Good News, the ingathering through forgiveness of all who confess their sins and the reconciliation of so many people. We thank you for Jesus Christ who is our model, strength, redeemer, and friend. This we pray through Christ our Lord who has taught us to pray 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.*

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Music to call us back together: Jon at the Organ (“We Gather Together”, but no words)

READING: Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

SHARING AND PRAYING

Prayer Response: “Thank You, Jesus” #2081 TFWS

READING: Matthew 6:25-33

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

SINGING: “Praise Our God Above” #2061 TFWS

SERMON: “Why Worry When You Can Give Thanks Instead?”

THE OFFERING UP OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY: "Now Thank We All Our God" #102 UMH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice in the opportunity to share. Here are the fruits of your generosity and our hard work. In thanks for the perfect offering of Jesus Christ, we bring ourselves with our gifts. Show us how to combine our efforts to build wholesome relationships, extend your church, and minister in your name throughout the world. Amen

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

MUSIC TO GO OUT BY: "God Is So Good" #2056 TFWS