

MUMC At-Home Worship:

June 28, 2020

Thank you for worshipping with us today! As we gather in worship from our own spaces, I trust that the Holy Spirit will be at work and unite our hearts even from a distance. May this time of worship be refreshing and rejuvenating for us all.

Stay healthy and be well!

-Pastor Dillon

If available, place a candle in the center of your gathering space and light it with this prayer:

Speak to us this day, O God, and humble us to hear your word. Make us still enough to notice your presence, quiet enough to hear your voice, brave enough to speak your good news, and wise enough to follow your spirit. For just such a time as this. Amen.

Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*, United Methodist Hymnal #557 – [watch/listen here](#)

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 124

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Reflect:

1. The beginning of the psalm reflects on times in Israel's history when the people would not have made it except for God's help. Are there times in your history, individually or shared, that you were similarly able to make through only with God's help? How does recalling these times shape your faith?
2. In describing the people as being saved like a bird from a trap, it is clear in the psalm that God's salvation isn't necessarily the same as avoiding difficult or painful circumstances. Is this a challenge to your faith or understanding of God? Why might we not always be able to avoid the traps of life?
3. What does it mean to you to find our help "in the name of the Lord?" How might you look for the Lord's help this week?

Hymn: *The Servant Song*, The Faith We Sing #2222 – [watch/listen here](#)

Prayer Requests: Share prayer requests and have a moment of silent prayer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *The Summons*, The Faith We Sing #2130 – [watch/listen here](#)

Closing Prayer:

Holy comforter, challenger, redeemer, we know that you are in our midst. Help us recognize your spirit on the move and empower us to join your work. Help us be your church, reformed and still being reformed. Help us be your people, formed and still being formed. Help us boldly share the news of your love, for such a time as this. Amen. (*Blow out the candle*)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

United Methodist Hymnal #557

1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.
4. When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.
5. This glorious hope revives
our courage by the way;
while each in expectation lives
and waits to see the day.
6. From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

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Psalm 124 (CEB)

If the Lord hadn't been for us—
let Israel now repeat!—
if the Lord hadn't been for us,
when those people attacked us
then they would have swallowed us up whole
with their rage burning against us!
Then the waters would have drowned us;
the torrent would have come over our necks;
then the raging waters would have
come over our necks!

Bless the Lord
because he didn't hand us over
like food for our enemies' teeth!
We escaped like a bird from the hunters' trap;
the trap was broken so we escaped!

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

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The Servant Song
The Faith We Sing #2222

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on this road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

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The Summons
The Faith We Sing #2130

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you
and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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