

Sep 6, 2020

REACHING UP TO GOD IN WORSHIP

Welcome and Candle Lighting (Dayna)

Call to Worship-

There is none like you, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God.

Come, Let Us Enter into God's Presence together.

(Adapted from Psalm 86:8-10, NRSV; The Pastor's Workshop)

God's Greeting (Chad)

Song: *Come Now is The Time to Worship*

Confession (Tara Steenbergen)

God, our rock and refuge,
there are plenty of things
that we allow to erode our walk with you.
When life gets stormy, we let our uncertainty
cloud our trust in you.
We think we know better and start
relying on ourselves to be able to weather the rain.
Forgive our lack of hope and the disbelief that drowns us.
Allow us to hold on to you, our rock,
and to build our lives on the foundation of your love.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our cornerstone and our shelter. Amen.
(Kimberley Bracken-The Pastor's Workshop)

Assurance

The wideness of God's mercy, the range of
God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God,
the Heart of hope which is never empty: all
these gifts are ours, as God restores us to
the fullness of life meant for us. We are forgiven.

Grounded in love, rooted in discipleship,
we offer ourselves in service to others,
recognizing the limitless grace which
is ours to share in Christ. Thanks be to
God. Amen. (Tom Shuman posted in Lectionary Liturgies)

Song: *Spirit of the Living God (Assad)*

Children's Message (Dayna)

Song: Hold Me Jesus

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon: Reaching Up to God In Worship

- “The heavens declare the glory of God...
 - When have you had an experience of the bigness of God? How did it feel?

 - What drives Paul to praise? Does this surprise you? Why or why not?

- What are the three rhythms of discipleship?
 - Which of these are you practicing the least?
 - How will you change that?

- As Paul (and Pastor Chad) begins to get exuberant about the ways Jesus has changed our lives, what stands out to you? Why?

- What does Paul long for, for the people in Ephesus and us?
 - How might you be able to deepen your appreciation of this?

- How will you practice this rhythm of discipleship with week?

Song of Response: Let Us Adore

Congregational Prayer (Dayna)

Offering (Dayna)

- 1) Woody Nook Ministries
- 2) Mustard Seed

God's Parting blessing (Chad)

Song: Great Is Thy Faithfulness