

Riverside United Methodist Church

The Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost • August 9, 2020 • 9:30 AM

**** The people will rise in body or spirit.**

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Daniel Kuhn, piano

Call to Worship

****Opening Hymn**

There's Within My Heart a Melody

UMH 380

1 There's within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low:
Fear not I am with thee, peace, be still, in
all of life's ebb and flow. **R**

Refrain
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

2 All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,
discord filled my heart with pain;
Jesus swept across the broken strings,
stirred the slumbering chords again. **R**

4 Feasting on the riches of his grace,
resting neath his sheltering wing,
always looking on his smiling face,
that is why I shout and sing. **R**

****Invocation**

Gathering the Community

Exchange of Peace

THE WORD

Hebrew Reading Jeremiah 29:4-7; 10-14

Sandy Hunter, liturgist

The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce. Get married and have children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don't dwindle away. Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because your future depends on its welfare. The LORD proclaims: When Babylon's seventy years are up, I will come and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the LORD; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. I will be present for you, declares the LORD, and I will end your captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have scattered you, and I will bring you home after your long exile, declares the LORD.

Special Music

The M&M Special Offering for the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home will be collected at this time.

Pastoral Prayer

**Gradual

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

UMH 465

1 Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2 Holy Spirit, Love divine,
glow within this heart of mine;
kindle every high desire;
perish self in thy pure fire.

**Gospel Reading Matthew 19:13-15 (CEB)

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

All: Glory to you, O God.

Some people brought children to Jesus so that he would place his hands on them and pray. But the disciples scolded them. "Allow the children to come to me," Jesus said. "Don't forbid them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people like these children." ¹Then he blessed the children and went away from there.

One: Living Spirit, Living Word

All: Thanks be to God!

**Response

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

UMH 465

3 Holy Spirit, Power divine,
fill and nerve this will of mine;
grant that I may strongly live,
bravely bear, and nobly strive.

4 Holy Spirit, Right divine,
King within my conscience reign;
be my Lord, and I shall be
firmly bound, forever free.

Sermon

Hope Has A Home

Susan Bennett
Indiana United Methodist Children's Home

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray the prayer Christ has taught us, saying:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn during Communion

Happy the Home When God Is There

UMH 445

1 Happy the home when God is there,
and love fills every breast;
when one their wish, and one their prayer,
and one their heavenly rest.

2 Happy the home where Jesus' name
is sweet to every ear;
where children early speak his fame
and loved ones hold him dear.

3 Happy the home were prayer is heard,
and praise is wont to rise;
where loved ones love the sacred Word
and all its wisdom prize.

4 Lord, let us in our homes agree
this blessed peace to gain;
unite our hearts in love to thee,
and love to all will reign.

****Prayer of Thanksgiving**

SENDING

****Closing Hymn**

O Lord, May Church and Home Combine

UMH 695

1 O Lord, may church and home combine
to teach thy perfect way,
with gentleness and love like thine,
that none shall ever stray.

2 Let all unworthy aims depart.
Imbue us with thy grace;
within the home let every heart
become thy dwelling place.

3 Shine, Light divine; reveal thy face
where darkness else might be.
Grant, Love divine, in every place
glad fellowship with thee.

4 May steadfast faith and earnest prayer
keep sacred vows secure;
build thou a hallowed dwelling where
true joy and peace endure.

****Benediction**

Sending Music

Daniel Kuhn, piano

Announcements this Week

Tuesday, August 11; 9:00AM – Bibles & Bagels (West Side Park)

Thursday, August 13; 8:00AM – Thursday Morning Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10:00AM – Woodcarvers and Crafters (Fellowship Hall)