

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SOMERVILLE

Second Sunday after the Epiphany/Human Relations Day

January 16, 2022

Worship 10 AM

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/986500515>

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Prelude *“In Dulci Jubilo”*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Candle Lighting

Greeting

*Call to Worship

L: How can we keep still this day?

P: There is joy in this place!

L: God's steadfast love extends to everyone.

P: God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and compassion.

L: Thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.

*Hymn *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

UMH #103

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

*Invocation

Lord, open our hearts to the surprising ways in which you offer to us your love and your presence. Help us to truly believe in the wondrous ways that you work in our lives. Give us hearts and spirits for service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

Prayer of Confession

Lord, how we must try your patience! We often doubt, when we should place our faith in your abiding presence. We think that we have to have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life. So we place ourselves at the center of our own universe. Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is. Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives and will continue to work as we journey in faith. Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

God's love is continually poured out for us. Drink from the cup of forgiveness and compassion, dear ones. In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven!
AMEN.

Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

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*Hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH #140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

Sermon

Offertory Prayer

Lord, please help us to be faithful with what you have entrusted us and
generous in all things. In the holy name of Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

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simply mail your donation check, or drop off it off in the church’s
side-door mail slot)

*Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Interlude *“Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow”* *James Mansfield*
Danny Doremus: solo voice & organ

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

(remembering God's acts of mercy and salvation...)

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest....

(remembering Jesus and that first communion...)

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer
ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union
with Christ's offering for us. As we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

(The words of consecration, praising the Holy Spirit and the Trinity...)

The 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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Receiving

Thank you, merciful God, for the bounty of your creation — for the gifts of the field and vine that nourish our bodies, souls and hearts. Sustained by this meal and the assurance of your grace through our Lord, Jesus Christ, may our lives reflect your presence. Amen.

Sending Forth

*Hymn “Forward Through the Ages”

UMH #555

Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure,
hearts of one accord,
manifold the service,
one the sure reward.

Refrain:

Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine.

Wider grows the kingdom,
reign of love and light;

for it we must labor,
till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it,
martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory,
heroes for it died. [Refrain]

Not alone we conquer,
not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph
lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose
in one living whole,
move we on together
to the shining goal. [Refrain]

*Benediction

Look around you, dear people. God's joy is poured out for you so that you might be a blessing to others. God will continually walk and work with you, relieving your burdens and giving you strength. Go into God's world, rejoicing! **AMEN.**

*Postlude “*Fantasie 'O du Froehliche*”

Lothar Graap



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