



Worship Moment

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Fairlawn-West
United Church of Christ
October 11, 2020

Welcome

Breaking Bread

Opening Prayer

O Holy One, you have created us and placed us in community.
Open your words of life for us today as we gather to hear your Gospel,
and sing your praises; show us the way to justice and peace that we may follow you
joyfully into the future you hope for our world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Song of Celebration: God Arise

Scripture: Matthew 23.1-12 (The Message)

Scripture Reflection

Song of Shalom: One Lord

Cup of Blessing

Lord God, you want us to live our faith not so much as a set of rules and practices but
as a relationship from person to person, with you and with other people.
Keep our hearts turned to you, that we may live what we believe and that we may
express our love for you in acts of service to those around us, as Jesus did. Amen.

Commission

Go forth into the world and be of good courage.
Hold fast to that which is good,
render to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted,
support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people.
Love and serve God rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Benediction

And may the peace of God, which is beyond our understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus who is Lord of all.

Invitations

*Neighbors in Need *GapPack

*Next in-person outdoor worship, October 25th

God Arise

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God of Heaven God of Glory
All Your works arrayed before You
Subject to Your power and rule and reign
Yours the light that formed creation
Yours the word that spoke forth nations
Sovereign over all that You survey

Chorus:

So come and stand in the gap for the Lord of Hosts
Come and stand in the gap for the Lord of Hosts -
God arise! God arise! God arise and scatter all your foes
God arise! God arise! God arise and let Your name be known!

All you warriors be courageous
Gather to the Rock of Ages
This is love that's worth fighting for
All you singers raise your voices
To the One whose heart rejoices
Over those who gather for to praise

Chorus

God arise and let Your name be known!

Scripture: Matthew 23.1-12 (The Message)

1-3 Now Jesus turned to address his disciples, along with the crowd that had gathered with them.

“The religion scholars and Pharisees are competent teachers in God’s Law. You won’t go wrong in following their teachings on Moses. But be careful about following *them*. They talk a good line, but they don’t live it. They don’t take it into their hearts and live it out in their behavior. It’s all spit-and-polish veneer.

4-7 “Instead of giving you God’s Law as food and drink by which you can banquet on God, they package it in bundles of rules, loading you down like pack animals. They seem to take pleasure in watching you stagger under these loads, and wouldn’t think of lifting a finger to help. Their lives are perpetual fashion shows, embroidered prayer shawls one day and flowery prayers the next. They love to sit at the head table at church dinners, basking in the most prominent positions, preening in the radiance of public flattery, receiving honorary degrees, and getting called ‘Doctor’ and ‘Reverend.’

8-10 “Don’t let people do that to *you*, put you on a pedestal like that. You all have a single Teacher, and you are all classmates. Don’t set people up as experts over your life, letting them tell you what to do. Save that authority for God; let *him* tell you what to do. No one else should carry the title of ‘Father’; you have only one Father, and he’s in heaven. And don’t let people maneuver you into taking charge of them. There is only one Life-Leader for you and them—Christ.

11-12 “Do you want to stand out? Then step down. Be a servant.

If you puff yourself up, you’ll get the wind knocked out of you.

But if you’re content to simply be yourself, your life will count for plenty.

One Lord

Lori True

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Chorus:

One Lord, one faith, one call to serve each other
One heart, one mind, one common ground
We stand all as one

Give us new hands, open and free
To serve with grace and dignity
Give us new eyes, loving and wise
To seek the good we all have inside
May we be worthy of our call
We have but

Chorus

Give us new hearts, humble yet strong –
To love like you our whole life long
Breathe out your spirit upon the land –
In hope and peace we'll firmly stand
To live lives worthy of our call –
We have but

Chorus