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Bentonville First

Gathering Hymn

Make Me a Captive Lord

No. 421 UMH

*Make me a captive, Lord,
and then I shall be free.
Force me to render up my sword,
and I shall conqueror be.
I sink in life's alarms
when by myself I stand;
imprison me within thine arms,
and strong shall be my hand.*

*My heart is weak and poor
until it master find;
it has no spring of action sure,
it varies with the wind.
It cannot freely move
till thou hast wrought its chain;
enslave it with thy matchless love,
and deathless it shall reign.*

*My power is faint and low
till I have learned to serve;
it lacks the needed fire to glow,
it lacks the breeze to nerve.
It cannot drive the world
until itself be driven;
its flag can only be unfurled
when thou shalt breathe from heaven.*

*My will is not my own
till thou hast made it thine;
if it would reach a monarch's throne,
it must its crown resign.
It only stands unbent
amid the clashing strife,
when on thy bosom it has leant,
and found in thee its life.*

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris

One: We come before God as equal in God's sight.

All: God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

One: None of us is perfect and without blemish.

All: Yet God has called us children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.

One: We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

All: Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours abundant love on us. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris

We are so competitive, Lord. We want to know who will be best and first, and we hope that it is each one of us. You call us special and we interpret it to mean "the best", and we feel that we are entitled to all that is due to the "best". Jesus reminded us that the best of us will be the servants, will be those who are willing to help and witness to others, not for their own honor but for God's honor and praise. Bring us back, patient God. Shake the dust of arrogance from us and nourish us with humility and joy. Help us to be the kind of disciples that serve you faithfully. For we ask these things in all Your Holy Names.

AMEN.

Gloria Patri

No. 70 UMH

Hymn of Praise

Are Ye Able
(vs. 1, 2 & 4)

No. 530 UMH

*"Are ye able," said the Master,
"to be crucified with me?"
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,
"to the death we follow thee."*

Refrain:

*Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.*

*Are ye able to remember,
when a thief lifts up his eyes,
that his pardoned soul is worthy
of a place in paradise?*

(Refrain)

*Are ye able? Still the Master
whispers down eternity,
and heroic spirits answer,
now as then in Galilee.*

(Refrain)

Scripture Lesson

Mark 10: 35 – 45

Rev. Andreá Cummings

³⁵ James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask." ³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. ³⁷ They said, "Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory." ³⁸ Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?" ³⁹ "We can," they answered. Jesus said, "You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left hand isn't mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹ Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them over and said, "You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. ⁴³ But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. ⁴⁴ Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, ⁴⁵ for the Human One^[a] didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people."

(Common English Bible)

Sermon

"Bentonville First: City Government"

Rev. Andreá Cummings

Offertory Moment

Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris

Offertory

"Make Me a Servant"
Words & Music by Kelly Willard

The Chancel Choir

Doxology

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Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris

Anthem

"Walk Worthy"
By Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir
Mr. Blaine Hill, Guest Director

CONFESSION AND PARDON

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**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris
Sung Responses
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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 the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.**

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 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.

Taking the Bread and Cup

Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris

Closing Hymn

Shalom to You

No. 666 UMH

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

Benediction

Rev. Andréa Cummings

Choral Benediction

Chancel Choir

Postlude

Mr. Matt Nelson