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Continuing God's Story Together

"Let this little message be but a reminder,
and I will continue with the story."

2 Maccabees 6:17

Worship Participants

Deacons: Grace & Peter Tilden

Welcomers: Midge Horn, Noel Gray

Reader: Kristie Orr

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Prelude

Welcome

Song

The Kingdom Is Yours

*Blessed are the ones
who do not bury
All the broken
pieces of their heart*

*Blessed are the tears
of all the weary
Pouring like a sky
of falling stars*

*Blessed are the wounded ones
in mourning
Brave enough to show
the Lord their scars*

*Blessed are the hurts
that are not hidden
Open to the healing touch of God*

*The Kingdom is yours
The Kingdom is yours*

*Hold on a little more
this is not the end
Hope is in the Lord
keep your eyes on Him*

*Blessed are the ones
who walk in kindness
Even in the face
of great abuse*

*Blessed are the deeds
that go unnoticed
Serving with unguarded gratitude*

*Blessed are the ones
who fight for justice
Longing for the coming
day of peace*

*Blessed is the soul
that thirsts for righteousness
Welcoming the last
the lost the least*

*Blessed are the ones
who suffer violence
And still have strength
to love their enemies*

*Blessed is the faith
of those who persevere
Though they fall
they'll never know defeat*

*Hold on a little more
this is not the end
Hope is in the Lord
Keep your eyes on Him*

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Deacon

**Speak to us, Giver of Life, and make us new.
We thirst for the waters of your flowing love,
we yearn to know ourselves as Resurrection People.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and create in us your new heaven and new earth.
Speak to us words of comfort and hope,
words of challenge and courage.
Come; move among us, we pray. Amen.**

Song

You Hold It All Together

*You come at the right time
When I least expect it
never behind*

*So why would I be surprised
When You deliver
every time*

*On mountaintops
You stay the same
In valleys low
You never change*

*And I believe
that I will see
The goodness of the Lord*

*I'm confident
as seasons change
Your faithfulness remains*

*You go You go before me
To prepare a blessing
You make a way*

*It's more than I could imagine
More than I can fathom
Or comprehend*

*God of my present
God of my future
You write my story
You hold it all together*

Scripture: **Revelation 21-22** (NRSVUE)

Today's reading is a selection of verses from Revelation 21 and 22.

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home^[a] of God is among mortals.

He will dwell^[b] with them;

they will be his peoples,^[c]

and God himself will be with them and be their God;^[d]

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for^[e] the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

The rest of chapter 21 speaks of the new city – what it will look like, who will be there, and God's presence there. Chapter 22 continues...

22 Then the angel^[a] showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life^[b] with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any

more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

⁷“See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

May God bless this reading and our understanding. Amen

God’s Stories

Rev. Jennie Valentine

**Sacrament of Baptism
Margaret Marino**

Invitation

Rev. Tina Walker-Morin: Dear friends, as we come to this font of the living water, let us recall the meaning of baptism. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

People: For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Rev. Tina Walker-Morin: Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Rev. Jennie Valentine:

Story of Jesus’ baptism

Rev. Tina Walker-Morin: The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ’s church. In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness, the renewal of the Spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be God’s people always.

Questions of the Candidates

Rev. Tina Walker-Morin: Parents, do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do

Rev. Jennie Valentine: *(To Parents and Godparents)* Will you with God’s help to guide and encourage Maggie by counsel and example, in prayer and with love?

Parents & God parents: We will

Rev. Tina Walker-Morin: *(To Parents and Godparents):* Do you promise to seek out our still speaking God at work all around you in the beauty of nature, in the love of family and friends, in the wonder of the ways God’s love saves us from hopelessness, and restores us to our true and

authentic selves, and to show love and justice to others? If so, say we will with the help of God.
Parents and Godparents: We will, with the help of God

Rev. Jennie Valentine: *(To Parents and God parents):* Do you promise, through the grace of God, to seek and live as a follower of the Christ, to show love to all people and to work for justice, and to witness as best as you are able to the work and word of the Christ? If so, say we will with the help of God.

Parents and Godparents: We will with the help of God.

***Congregational Assent**

Rev. Tina Walker-Morin: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support and care.

Blessing Baptism Water

Rev. Jennie Valentine: Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God this living water, which flowed through the streams of your world coming to the town of Sandwich.

By your Holy Spirit watch over those who come in the name of Jesus Christ. Create new life in the one baptized this day that they may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, Amen.

Act of Baptism

Prayer For the Baptized

Gracious God, you have filled the world with joy by giving us the gift of Jesus. Bless Maggie; may she be filled with joy; may she grow in faith and curiosity. Give her strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

Song

Come to the Water

*Here's a life
so new and small
You knew this child
before the call*

*Before first breath
before first cry
You wrote this name
beneath the sky*

And I am Yours forevermore

*Come to the water
and find me there
Washed in a love
and a mercy rare*

*In my mother's womb
and in the open air
Come to the water
and find me there*

*We hold this child
with open hands
And lay them down
in Your commands*

*Surround these years
with Your embrace
And let them grow
in wonder and in grace*

*I am not my yesterday
I am not the chains I wore
You called me by a holy name
And I am Yours forevermore*

Sermon

Rev. Jennie Valentine

Song

Holy, Holy, Holy (God With Us)

*Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee*

Holy Holy Holy (God with Us)

*Holy holy holy
merciful and mighty
God in three Persons
blessed Trinity*

Holy Holy Holy (God with Us)

*Holy holy holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea*

Holy Holy Holy (God with Us)

*Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee
Which wert and art and
evermore shall be*

Holy Holy Holy (God with Us)

*From the cradle to the cross
God with us God with us
For this broken world You love
God with us God with us*

Holy Holy Holy (God with Us)

*You gave up Your only Son
God with us God with us
So that all the world will know
our God with us*

Holy Holy Holy (God with Us)

*Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise
Thy name
In earth and sky and sea*

Holy Holy Holy (God with Us)

*Holy holy holy
merciful and mighty
God in three Persons
blessed Trinity*

Holy Holy Holy (God with Us)

*So that all the world will know
our God with us*

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

**Our Father/Mother/Creator,
who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen**

Send Forth Song *Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble*

*Did you feel the
mountains tremble
Did you hear the oceans roar*

*When the people
rose to sing of
Jesus Christ the risen One*

*Did you feel
the mountains tremble
Did you hear the oceans roar*

*When the people
rose to sing of
Jesus Christ the risen One*

*Did you feel the
people tremble
Did you hear the singers roar*

*When the lost
began to sing of
Jesus Christ the saving One*

*And we can see that
God You're moving
A mighty river
through the nations*

*And young and old
will turn to Jesus*

*Fling wide you
heavenly gates
Prepare the way of the
risen Lord*

*Open up the doors and
let the music play
Let the streets
resound with singing*

*Songs that bring Your hope
Songs that bring Your joy
Dancers who dance
upon injustice*

*Did you feel the
darkness tremble
When all the saints join
in one song*

*And all the streams flow
as one river
To wash away our brokenness*

*And here we see that
God You're moving
A time of jubilee is coming*

*When young and old
return to Jesus*

Fling wide you

*heavenly gates
Prepare the way of the
risen Lord*

Benediction

Rev. Jennie Valentine

Announcements

Postlude