

First UMC
A United Methodist Community
In Moorestown, New Jersey
*"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ
with a hurting world through words and actions."*

January 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Entrata Festiva

Laskey

WELCOME

Pastor HeyYoung Horton

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come this day hoping to encounter Christ.

People: We come with burdens and questions that only He can answer.

Leader: May we open our hearts to Him.

People: May our lives be healed and strengthened for service. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

God of all creation, giver of all light and life, you sent Jesus Christ into the world not to condemn, but to save. You teach us through the example of Jesus that we are to love and not to judge. You send us out into the world to live out the message not just through words but also through acts of kindness. Help us to lift up the light of Christ through our words and our actions so that the world might believe in him and receive the gift of abundant life that knows no end; through Christ, the light that shines in a dark world, we pray. Amen

GATHERING MUSIC Romans 16:19/Come, Now is the Time to Worship

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor HeyYoung Horton

MUSIC MINISTRY Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Garments of Praise

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above" Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or

where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SERMON

“More Than Ever”

Rev. Hector Burgos

CLOSING MUSIC I Love to Tell the Story/How Great is Our God

BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC Calm to the Waves/You Are Good

WE WELCOME OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REV. HECTOR BURGOS as our guest speaker this morning. We are blessed to have him come and share his message with us today.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anne Grogan (daughter of Dee Dee Langshaw), Audrey Cutone (mother of Jay Taylor), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), John Chwastyk, Mary Raroha, Gloria-Jean Opperman, John & Catharine Carty, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Barbara Dapper, Nancy Gager (Paul Gager’s sister), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber and her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Louise McMeans, Dan LaFon, Donna Lasoski.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO: Bob Rodriguez and family on the death of his daughter Lynda Rodriguez.

SONGS FOR JANUARY 24, 2021

ROMANS 16:19 (by Dale Garratt, et al) (1991 Scripture in Song)

(Spoken) Romans six-teen, nineteen says (repeat)

(Sung) "Be excellent at what is good, be innocent of evil; (repeat)

And the God of peace, will soon crush Satan,
yes God will crush him underneath your feet." (Repeat entire song)

Third time - (All Spoken) Romans six-teen, nineteen says (repeat)

"Be excellent at what is good, be innocent of evil; (repeat)

And the God of peace, will soon crush Satan, underneath your feet."

(Repeat last sentence)

COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP (by Brian Doerksen)

Come, now is the time to worship; Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship; Come, just as you are before your God . . . Come. (Repeat)

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God, one day ev'ry knee will bow;

Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

(1988 Vineyard Songs)

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME (Paul M. Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,

whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. (© 2008 Paul M. Vasile)

GARMENTS OF PRAISE (by Jamie Harvill)

(chorus) Put on the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness,

Let the oil of gladness flow down from your throne.

Put on the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness,

Your joy is my strength alone, my strength alone. (REPEAT)

(Verse) Make these broken weary bones rise to dance again.

Wet this dry and thirsty land with a river.

Lord our eyes are fixed on you and we are waiting for your garland of grace

as we praise your name. (chorus) (repeat verse)

(the celebration) **sing 4 times**

Hallelujah, sing hallelujah, we give all honor and praise to your name!

Hallelujah, sing hallelujah, we trade our sorrows for garments of praise!

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY (Katherine Hankey)

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
Refrain: *I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. Refrain:

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. Refrain:

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. Refrain: (Public Domain)

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD (by Chris Tomlin) (2004 worshiptogether.com Songs)

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty let all the earth rejoice,
all the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

*Chorus: How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God.*

And age to age He stands and time is in his hands, beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End. The God-head, three in one, and Father and Spirit and Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb. (chorus)

(bridge)'Cause You're the Name above all names, and worthy of all praise.
And my heart will sing: How great is our God. You're the Name above all names,
and worthy of all praise. And my heart will sing: (repeat chorus)

(bridge) Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art,
how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art. (chorus)

CALM TO THE WAVES (Mary L. Bringle)

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.
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YOU ARE GOOD (by Israel Houghton)

Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever. Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever. People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation. We worship You. Hallelujah, Hallelujah. We worship You for who You are. We worship You. Hallelujah, Hallelujah we worship You for who You are.

You are good. (Repeat from beginning)

You are good. All the time, all the time You are good; You are good all the time, all the time You are good; You are good. All the time, all the time You are good; You are good all the time, all the time You are good. (back to beginning)
for who You are for who You are You are good. (©2001 Integrity's Praise! Music)