

August 7, 2022

Worship Series: The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss

Message: Green Eggs and Ham

Prelude	Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus	June Shuffett
Welcome/Announcements		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Call to Worship		
Pastor:	We are hungering and thirsting for hope and peace.	
People:	Come, Lord Jesus, come.	
Pastor:	Our hearts long for the nourishing presence of God.	
People:	Come, Lord Jesus, come.	
Pastor:	Give to us the living bread of Your peace that we may hunger no more.	
People:	Open our hearts to joyfully receive Your life-sustaining love.	
Hymn	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i>	UMH 158
Opening Prayer		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Pastor:	Let us pray	
People:	We come to church hungry, Lord! We are hungry for comfort, hungry for love, hungry for a new way of living, hungry for Your word. Thank You for giving us this place and this time to worship, and we are eager to taste Your goodness in community, with one another. Bless us as we feast on the Bread of Life today. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.	
Children's Message		Linda Biscardo
Mission Moment	Youth Mission Trip	Franconia Youth
Prayers of the People		Sarah Chambers
Offering	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	Ken Todack
Doxology		UMH 95
	Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! AMEN	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Scripture Readings	Psalm 34:8, John 6:48-51	Peggy Brown

Hymn

The King of Love, My Shepherd is

UMH 138

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Invitation to Communion

Sarah Chambers

People: Holy God,

You have provided us with bread from heaven
through Your Son Jesus Christ.

He is the Living Bread,
who nourishes our souls and sustains our lives.

But, we resist Your invitation.

We fail to respond to Your love in ways that glorify You.

Yet, You, Lord, remain persistent, never giving up on us.

Forgive us and continue to reach out to us
that we may taste and see the goodness
of Christ's mercy and grace. AMEN.

Assurance and Pardon

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the Living Bread."

Come to Him and be filled and renewed.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven,

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: May your hearts be lightened and filled with God's love!

People: We lift up our hearts and praise God above.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord God, our Father.

People: We thank God and praise Christ, our brother!

Pastor: It is right and good-ful; holy and wonderful; blessed and joyful;

To give thanks to you God, Almighty and faithful.

For it's you that has given us this worship time,

Filled with laughter, some holy humor and rhyme.

It's you that has shown us your holy love,

That you have sent from heaven high up above.

And so, with your angels who first sang your song,

We proclaim your goodness by singing along:

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

Heaven is filled with your marvelous glory;

Earth is filled with your light.

Blessed is he who comes in your name –

"Hosanna on high!" we loudly proclaim.

Pastor: Holy God, it's your Son we remember today,
 Jesus Christ, the anointed, whom we try to obey.
 He encouraged the poor and freed the oppressed,
 And taught us that you care about the distressed.
 Through his suffering, death, and resurrection,
 He taught that Your grace beats out our imperfection.
 He ascended to Heaven and sits there beside you,
 But still remains with us in all that we do.

On the night he was taken, he lifted some bread,
 He blessed it, and broke it, and here's what he said:
 "Dear friends, this is my body to you that I give.
 Take it; share it: in you I will live.
 From now on, whenever, wherever you meet
 Remember our time when this bread here you eat."

When supper was over, he then took the cup,
 With praise and thanksgiving he lifted it up:
 "For the New Covenant, this is my blood;
 A sign of the Lord's continuing love.
 For God has forgiven your every mistake,
 So trust in God's love when this drink you partake."
 May we offer ourselves for God's greater glory,
 And proclaim what we know of this fabulous story:

People: Christ Jesus: he died, but then rose again!
 He'll return here on earth: Hallelujah! Amen.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, come down on us gathered here,
 With this bread and this fruit of the vine please appear.
 Make holy this food, fill us with your grace,
 So we proclaim gospel to the whole human race.
 We love you, Lord Jesus, we'll shout out again
 Your glory and honor:

People Amen and Amen!

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer Following Communion

Eternal God,

we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given Yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of Your Spirit,

to give ourselves to others

in the name our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Hymn

One Bread, One Body

UMH 620

Benediction

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

As the Deer

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