

TODAY'S FOCUS: WITNESS — How far are we willing to go to be witnesses to Christ's amazing love? What might be distracting us from doing that?

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — Lin

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:1-11 — Shelly Anderson

¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

MESSAGE

"The Ends of the Earth"

Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN

TFWS #2269 "Come Share the Lord"

1. We gather here, in Jesus' name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.
2. No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.
3. He joins us here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
The one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.
4. We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
Though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.
5. We'll gather soon, where angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come taste the bread, come share the wine, come see the Lord.

OFFERTORY — Betsy Foushee

DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Shelly Anderson

All: Dear God, thank you for your great generosity toward the whole world. Thank you for the snow-capped mountains, for baptismal waters, and for your servant, the Church. For all that you have given us, we thank you and ask that you bless the gifts we return to you now. Let us find joy by giving with joy to the mission and ministries of this church, all done in the name of your son, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

BAPTISM OF AIDEN TIMOTHY ADDY

Congregational Response: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this family with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

COMMUNION THANKSGIVING — Lin

One: The Lord be with you

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray ... It is in his name we pray, as he taught us to pray, saying,

All: 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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to share in Communion, and all means all. Please come forward when invited by the usher and eat the bread, then drink the cup. For the convenience of all, we use non-alcoholic grape juice and also provide gluten free wafers. When you return to your seat, please take time to pray for those on the prayer list in the bulletin. If you would prefer to receive communion in the pew, please let the usher know and the elements will be brought to you.

The body of Christ, broken for you. **Many: Amen.**
The cup of the new covenant, poured out for you. **Many: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION — Shelly Anderson

All: God so loved the world, and not just the world, but each and every one of us in it, that God sent Jesus into the world to bring the message of love, forgiveness and salvation. And now, as forgiven and reconciled people, may we remember that we are loved and treasured beyond measure as true children of God. May we carry that love to a world in need. Amen!

CLOSING HYMN UMH #572 “Pass It On”

1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That’s how it is with God’s love once you’ve experienced it;
you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.
2. What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding;
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming,
That’s how it is with God’s love once you’ve experienced it;
You want to sing, it’s fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
3. I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I’ve found,
You can depend on him, it matters not where you’re bound.
I’ll shout it from the mountaintop; I want my world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

BENEDICTION — Lin

POSTLUDE — Betsy Foushee

Prelude/Postlude—Betsy Foushee
Offertory—Betsy Foushee
Organ —
Special Music — N/A (Communion)
Liturgist — Shelly Anderson

Accomp.—Betsy Foushee
Song Leader— Shelly Anderson
Violin — Rae Ann Norell

Children’s Message— Lin