

SUNDAY, 10/10/21
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE	<i>You Are My All in All</i>	Deb Verdegan, Piano
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & INVITATION TO OFFERING		
INTROIT	<i>Thy Word is a Lamp</i>	Deb Verdegan, Piano

CENTERING WORDS AND OPENING PRAYER

L: Sunday Sabbath is a good day of rest, family time and renewal. The other 6 days, we become so enamored of the glitz and glitter of the world. It is as though our lives were lived in "catalog shopping" design. We have so much and want so much more. We listen to the pitches in the media about the latest and best of everything, and rather than striving to serve God more faithfully, we strive to gather more and more possessions. We strive to meet the demands of the world as we move our faith aside. This crass materialism and 6 days a week living is holding us captive to the potential we have as followers of Jesus Christ. May this hour of worship be the first step in breaking the bonds and chains of our oppression and enslavement to greed. May our hearts be open to the riches of the kingdom that we find when we focus on God. The call of Sabbath is more than just a 1 time a week experience. This is the call of our hearts and our faith to service, ministry and life, following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

God of infinite patience and wisdom, we come to you with so many things that claim our time, our energy, our resources, our very lives. We are easily drawn away from serving you by the enticements of the world for wealth, ease, and comfort. Just like people of Jesus' day, we are owned by our possessions, held captive by our treasures. You continue to offer to us healing and hope. You seek to transform our lives from captivity to freedom in witness and service. We look at the world in which there is so very much warfare and strife, anger and hatred, and we easily become overwhelmed by the needs and the stresses. Help us to place our lives and our trust in you, knowing that with your help, many wonderful things can be accomplished, which will provide hope and peace for others and ourselves. May the Sabbath rhythms of renewal, remembrance, and reflection give us courage and strength to truly be your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER SONG	<i>Word of God, Speak</i>	Deb Verdegan, Piano
PASTORAL PRAYER		
LORD'S PRAYER		

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22:1-15:

L: My God! My God, why have you left me all alone? Why are you so far from saving me—so far from my anguished groans? My God, I cry out during the day, but you don't answer; even at nighttime I don't stop. You are the holy one, enthroned. You are Israel's praise. Our ancestors trusted you—they trusted you and you rescued them; they cried out to you and they were saved; they trusted you and they weren't ashamed. But I'm just a worm, less than human; insulted by one person, despised by another. All who see me make fun of me—they gape, shaking their heads: "He committed himself to the Lord, so let God rescue him; let God deliver him because God likes him so much." But you are the one who pulled me from the womb, placing me safely at my mother's breasts. I was thrown on you from birth; you've been my God since I was in my mother's womb. Please don't be far from me, because trouble is near and there's no one to help. Many bulls surround me; mighty bulls from Bashan encircle me. They open their mouths at me like a lion ripping and roaring! I'm poured out like water. All my bones have fallen apart. My heart is like wax; it melts inside me. My strength is dried up like a piece of broken pottery. My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you've set me down in the dirt of death.

Hebrews 4:12-16:

Because God's word is living, active, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates to the point that it separates the soul from the spirit and the joints from the marrow. It's able to judge the heart's thoughts and intentions. No creature is hidden from it, but rather everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of the one to whom we have to give an answer. Also, let's hold on to the confession since we have a great high priest who passed through the heavens, who is Jesus, God's Son; because we don't have a high priest who can't sympathize with our weaknesses but instead one who was tempted in every way that we are, except without sin. Finally, let's draw near to the throne of favor with confidence so that we can receive mercy and find grace when we need help.

MESSAGE

The Other Six Days

Rev. Cathy Christman

MINISTRY MOMENT: *A Daily Habit* (see last page)

Rev. Cathy Christman

REFLECTION VIDEO

BENEDICTION

Rev. Cathy Christman

"Just as we must wait until the darkness falls before we can see the stars, so does the Sabbath quietly wait for us. As darkness falls, as the light of the world fades and disappears, we light the inner lights, the lights of home and refuge. Our steps take us home, and the light draws us in."

POSTLUDE *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* Deb Verdegan, Piano

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