

SUNDAY, 11/15/2020
10 a.m.

PRELUDE

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATION TO OFFERING

INTROIT

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CENTERING WORDS AND OPENING PRAYER

L: We get ourselves so caught up in the hectic world around us.

P: Lord, be with each of us as we gather this day for worship.

L: Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead.

P: Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed.

L: Clear the chaos and the clutter.

P: Clear our eyes that we can see.

L: All the things that really matter. Be at peace and simply be.

ALL: Lord, we are always seeking guidance for the journey you have placed us on. We would like it if everything was spelled out so that we knew what to expect. But that's not the way life works. You remind us, in the story of the 10 bridesmaids, that we should always be ready to seek you and to serve you. Open our hearts today and remind us of your awesome love for us throughout all the generations, for we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Please join in singing our opening song today.
The lyrics should be on your screen.*

SONG

Come and Find the Quiet Center

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Rev. Cathy Christman & Deb Verdegan, Vocalists

PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Cathy Christman

LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Cathy Christman

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

Matthew 25:1-13

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not

take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

"No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

"Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

"But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

YOUNG DISCIPLE'S MESSAGE

God is So Good

Rev. Cathy Christman

SERMON *Thankful for Good Timing*

Rev. Cathy Christman

MINISTRY MOMENT:

It's Time

Rev. Cathy Christman

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CLOSING SONG

Soon and Very Soon

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SENDING FORTH

Rev. Cathy Christman

Hold back and wonder what might have been; choose God and rejoice in the many ways you will see God's love in the world. It's all about choices — which will you choose? This answer can make all the difference in your life. Go in peace! Amen.

POSTLUDE

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THANK YOU TO OUR VOCALISTS, OUR
READER, OUR AUDIO/VISUAL STAFF AND DEB
VERDEGAN AS MUSIC DIRECTOR FOR THEIR
PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE TODAY.

The service today was live at our SUMC Sanctuary.

CHURCH STAFF

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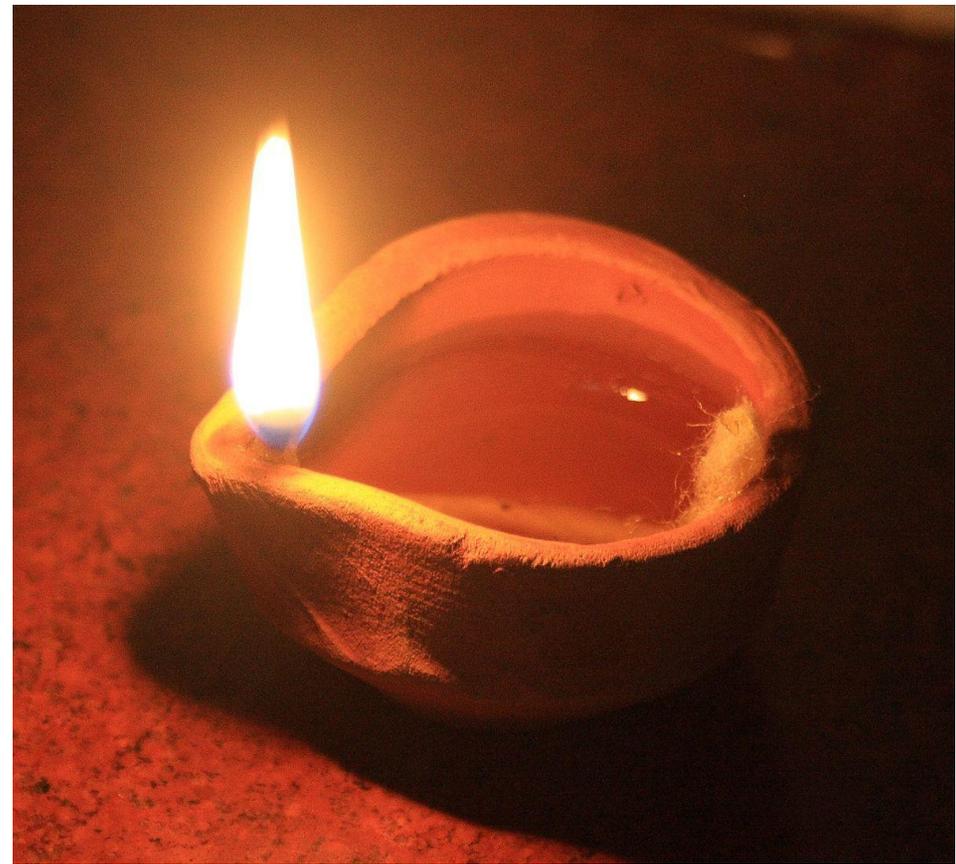
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