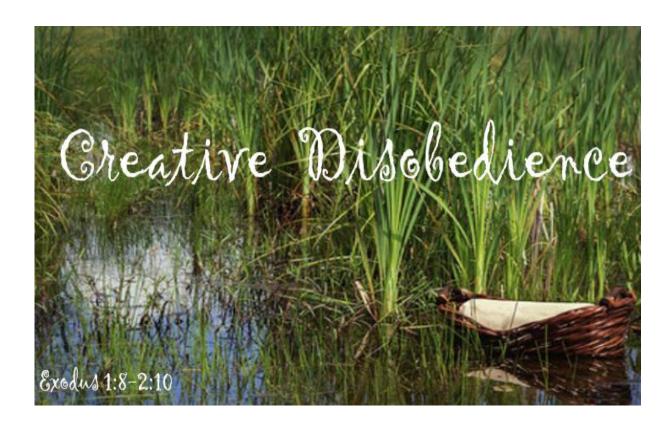
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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2020 10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org 828.448.8914

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

+ GATHERING SONG

Days Of Elijah

Robin Mark (CCLI#:1537904)

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah (hey)

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

In a time of bitterness and pain,

God raised up Moses,

and changed the lives of a people.

From the shadow of death,

God raised up Jesus,

and changed the lives of all people.

In every time, and in every place,

God raises up witnesses, people whose lives are changed forever.

Therefore, let us worship God!

+ OPENING HYMN

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

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1 Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young; our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, there is no shortage of fear in this world. Ground us in our purpose and remind us who you have created us to be as your beloved children. When life feels isolating, connect us with those who make us be courageous. When options seem limited, bless us with creativity to seek new solutions. Help us to glimpse your hand at work creating a future of hope and new life. This we pray in the name of Jesus, crucified and risen for the world.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION (Psalm 124:8)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Confident in this ever-gracious, never-failing help, we come before the Lord, confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness. Let us pray together, saying. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we have experienced despair as we look at what is happening around us, feeling overwhelmed by the need and stymied about what can be done to help. In our anxiety we have hesitated to share our gifts with others, tempted to hoard what we have, or believing what we have to offer is not enough. Inspire us with the courage of the midwives—who, rather than following Pharaoh's orders to destroy, listened to your command to stand for life. Teach us this lesson: when we submit to the miracle of faith, what we have and who we are is more than enough to create blessing and new possibility. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(Silence is Kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God knows our hearts, and God knows when we desire to change how we view the world, and how we live. God will help us onto right paths. God forgives us, and restores us, to do God's work in this world. Know that you are a beloved child of God, and that there is always the time to do something new.

Hearing this good news, know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

+ RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (verse 1)

582

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.

+ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Exodus 1:8-2:10 NRSV

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." ¹⁷But the midwives

feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

He Never Failed Me Yet

Becca Anderson, Singer

Erin Bowling, Singer

Chris Anderson, Soloist, Percussion

by: Robert Ray

MESSAGE Creative Disobedience Rev. Adam C. Bowling

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to speak with someone about becoming a Christian, about church membership, or about a special prayer need, please email Pastor Adam, Adam, Bowling@fupcdc.org.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)

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O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

(Refrain)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die - I scarce can take it in that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin:

(Refrain)

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, 'my God, how great thou art!'

(Refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering

I Have Decided Martin Andrews, Soloist Kaleb Brasee, Accompanist

Lyrics by Sadhu Sundar Singh

+ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ever-faithful God, we long to be faithful givers, modelling ourselves on you who have given everything to us. May your Spirit of abundance, which gives more than we ask or imagine, grace these gifts for your kingdom work. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ CLOSING SONG

Today Is The Day Lincoln Brewster, Paul Caloche (CCLI#: 5200924)

Verse 1

I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good

Chorus 1

Today is the day You have made I will rejoice and be glad in it Today is the day You have made I will rejoice and be glad in it And I won't worry about tomorrow I'm trusting in what You say Today is the day

Verse 2

I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good

Bridge

I will stand upon Your truth
(I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You
(All my days I'll live for You)
And I will stand upon Your truth
(I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You
(All my days I'll live)

Chorus 2

Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows
Where You lead me I will follow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day (5X)

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+ **POSTLUDE**Benediction Medley

Arr. Mark Hayes

Blest Be the Tie that Binds with God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again

Justin Streletz, Pianist

Please stand, in body or in spirit.

Worship Notes

- * WELCOME! Whether you are new in the area, a resident of the community, or visiting the FUPCDC website, we are delighted you joined us in worship online. Please fill out the online attendance and please let us know if you have any prayer concerns or needs. To find out more about this church, please email the Church Office at office@fupcdc.org or call at 703-670-7834.
- * FLOWERS are given by Brian and Diane Fulton for blessings on the wedding of Kelsey Fulton and Travis Clark, August 29, 2020.

Connect with Us

- * WE ARE ON FACEBOOK: If you use Facebook, become a Facebook friend, and become a fan of First United Presbyterian. Make friends with others from the church.
- * WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM: Find us on Instagram @fupcdc.
- * **FUPCDC WEBSITE:** For detailed news and information, visit the church website at https://fupcdc.org.
- * TEXT ALERTS: Remind is a free text messaging service that will help our church communicate quickly and efficiently. On your cell phone, start a new message to 81010. In the message, type @fupcdc and send. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Ministry in Action

FAIR SHARE COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES: Fair Share Community Speaker series is back starting Saturday, September 18th AT 7 PM. Despite the necessity of social distancing as our current norm, we will meet again, well virtually! Our guest speaker will be Dr. Mark Eakin, Coordinator of NOAA Coral Reef Watch and Chief Science Advisor of the film Chasing Coral. To get the most out of the presentation, be sure to watch the film Chasing Coral in advance.

You can watch *Chasing Coral* on Netflix or the Netflix YouTube channel, (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGGBGcjdjXA) and you can learn more about the film at http://chasingcoral.com/. Mark will answer questions - virtually. This is the sensational award-winning documentary about the wonder of coral reefs and also the danger they face due

to the changing climate. *Chasing Coral* taps into the collective will and wisdom of an ad man, a self-proclaimed coral nerd, top-notch camera designers, and renowned marine biologists as they invent the first time-lapse camera to record bleaching events as they happen. Among its many awards, it won the Audience Award at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival and received the 2018 Emmy for Outstanding Nature Documentary. An added benefit by participating with Mark Eakin, our congregation will receive points towards our Earth Care goals. Information on participating in the discussion will be provided later in September. In the meantime, save the date!

* BIBLE BUDDIES: Are you feeling anxious? <u>Calm My Anxious Heart</u> by Linda Dillow is the 12-week Bible study, beginning Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom for any Ladies or friends of FUPCDC. This study will help discover what the Bible says about contentment and ways to apply to your daily life. This book may be purchased online from christianbook.com, Amazon or e-bay.

Please contact Betty Matthews, <u>bettysmatthews1@verizon.net</u>, or 703-618-9127 for more information and to be added the Zoom group.

- * PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: The study will begin on September 9th at 7 PM via Zoom. We will resume our study of the Gospel of Mathew. All are welcome.
- * SEPTEMBER WORSHIP:

Sunday, September 6th - online only Live Stream with Communion at 10 AM - Premiere of the FUPCDC Virtual Choir "Let us Break Bread Together" Sunday, September 13th - online Live Stream at 10 AM AND Drive-In worship at 10 AM Sunday, September 20th - online Live Stream at 10 AM AND Drive-In worship at 10 AM Sunday, September 27th - online only Live Stream at 10 AM

* HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY: "Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament" is the title of the 2020 - 2021 women's Bible study. We will meet via Zoom on the second Monday of the month, starting Monday, September 14th at 9:30 AM. This is a timely study with emphasis on the hope we can find in the scriptures even as we lament our circumstances.

Contact Sara Porter, saraporter@comcst.net, or 703-670-8737 for more information.

- * FUPCDC CONTEMPLATIVE YOGA CLASS VIA ZOOM: Join us for a time to prayerfully release your cares and recharge physically, spiritually, and emotionally. The Contemplative Yoga group has a spot just for you on Saturdays from 8:30-9:10 AM on Zoom: 8/29, 9/5, 9/12. Classes are always free, just click this link to sign up: CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE SIGNUP.
- * SPREAD THE WARMTH: Are you looking for a worthwhile project to do while staying at home? Do you knit or crochet? If so, we have the perfect project for you. Our group makes hats and scarves for our friends in the community who are in need of something warm to wear during the winter. We also make hats for those suffering from cancer. If you would like to help or to find out more information about our group, please contact Elizabeth Glyer at lizglyer@gmail.com.

- * MEN'S GROUP: In lieu of our monthly Men's Breakfast, we now have several small groups of men that meet weekly for 30 minutes for devotion and prayer time. This is a phone-in conference call. We have slots available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Please contact Sam Parris for your slot: 703-946-7266 or email at samjparris@aol.com.
- * SPREAD THE BREAD: Spread the Bread is our ministry for people experiencing homelessness. We currently provide a meal each Sunday at 12:20 PM for around 50 people in Prince William County. Volunteer opportunities include making sandwiches, donating drinks and chips, prayer, and more! If you would like to help in any way, please email Jon Guest, jon.a.guest@gmail.com.
- * SPREAD THE LOVE: We need volunteers to write cards/notes to those in quarantine or to folks who are experiencing isolation due to COVID-19. Other volunteer opportunities include making phone calls to check in with people who may need socialization. If you would like to volunteer for Spread the Love or suggest people to receive cards or calls, please email Sam Parris, samjparris@aol.com.
- * EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN: We need volunteers to receive one to two emails a week with prayer requests...and pray! If you would like to volunteer to pray, please contact the Church Office, office@fupcdc.org.
- * SEWING FACE MASKS: In keeping with FUPCDC's commitment to serve the needs of the community, the Mission and Outreach Committee is launching a campaign to make face masks and distribute them where they are needed within the local community. We are committed to donate masks to the Greater Prince William Community Health Center and to Westminster at Lake Ridge for both staff and residents. If you have any questions about the Face Mask Ministry please call Pat Manalio (703-283-2948) or Lora Nedimyer (703-680-5526).
- * GIVING: We thank you for your continued support of the ministries, staff, and programs of FUPCDC. There are 2 ways to give: You can mail your gift to FUPCDC, 14391 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193. You can also give online by going to the church website, https://fupcdc.org/give-online. Thank you for giving to the Lord.

Student Ministry News

TEXT MESSAGES: Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

- 🕆 Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin * Wade Talbot * Becky Elliott * Larry Menzie
- Alicia * Michael Bowling * Jim Randles * Makayla Brain * Linda Ford
- **†** Larry ***** Jerolyn Randles ***** Grace Ofosu-Addo ***** Lynn Wilson ***** Sandy Godfrey
- 🗗 Virginia McPherson * Mildred Shenk * Mark Levy * Baby Melody * Leigh Anderson
- Catherine * Barb McGill * Marjorie Lawrence * Norman Cox
- * Karen Bertocci * Ida Van Wingerden * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme * Sandy
- Prayers for all those affected by the fires in California.
- * Please pray for the homeless, the unemployed, and all those suffering from the effect of COVID-19.
- * Prayers for the Onis Family (Craig Layton's neighbors), at the death of their father on August 11th.
- * Please pray for the family of Shannon Richardson, who passed away on Thursday, August 13th, leaving her husband and four daughters. ~ Betsy and Bruce Gilbert
- Please pray for friends, Matt and Sue Brus, whose mother passed away, Sunday, August 16th.
 Denise Perry

All those serving abroad in our military, including from our church:

♣ Ross Hammonds

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- 🕆 Christ Presbyterian Church Fairfax, VA
- Christ the King Presbyterian Church College Park, MD

Calendar August 30 - September 6, 2020

SUNDAY, August 30

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream

MONDAY, August 31

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom 7:00 PM Bible Buddies via Zoom

8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

TUESDAY, September 1

2:00 PM Congregational Connections Committee via Zoom

6:00 PM Mission and Outreach Committee via Zoom
7:00 PM Adult Christian Education Committee via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, September 2

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

THURSDAY, September 3

FRIDAY, September 4

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

SATURDAY, September 5

8:30 AM Contemplative Yoga via Zoom

SUNDAY, September 6

10:00 AM Worship - Communion - one service - Online Live Stream

DEACONS: THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.¹

2020 BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Agnes Fokwa	Amy Bean	Bob Albrecht
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RULING ELDERS: THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as teaching elders, and they are eligible for any office.²

See current ruling elders of FUPCDC on page 16 of bulletin.

¹ The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Part II, Book of Order: 2013/2015, 2013. Published by The Office of the General Assembly, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202, p. 26.

² ibid., p. 60.

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