

Order of Worship
Sunday, June 6, 2021

“Final Blessings and Partings”

*(*Denotes inclusion in posted video, unmarked items will be recorded live and included, music videos will be shown in worship and included in posted playlist)*

*** Opening Video**

Prelude

Dr. Olga Aynvarg

Welcome

Opening Song (Video) “Look at the World” - The Smith Ensemble

Opening to the Spirit's Instruction

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Liturgist

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. **17** When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. **18** And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

May God's Spirit speak to us today through these words of Scripture, the music we sing and hear, and the message shared this day.

Song (Video) “We've Been Chosen” - Nathaniel Cabañero

Sermon Series: Parting Thoughts “Final Blessings and Partings”
Craig

Pastor

Song (Video) “Be Thou My Vision” Celtic Worship

***Prayers for Our World and One Another**

Let us enter now into a time of prayer for one another and for our world. We will do what is called a Bidding Prayer. I will open, and then I will bid your prayers based around various categories. During the silence after each category is bid, I invite you

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to add your own prayers, either aloud or in silence. I will then close with a prayer, then the Lord's Prayer. Let us be in prayer.

Let us pray now for all who are ill, in hospital or at home, especially those affected by cancer or COVID-19.

Let us pray now for all medical and emergency services personnel who are responding to the best of their abilities with the resources that they have at hand.

Let us pray now for all those who are hungry or food insecure, and for all community and religious efforts to provide food and shelter.

Let us pray for all who are still displaced from their homes, and those who have no home.

Let us pray for the leaders of nations around the world, not only regarding their response to this pandemic, but also that they may do everything possible to assure the health and welfare of their citizens.

Let us pray for all school and college governing boards, administrations and staff, all faculty, and students as they work to offer appropriate and equitable education in a manner that protects the health and safety of all persons.

Let us pray for our friends, family, and neighbors for their health and well-being.

Let us also express our thanks to God for the expressions of love and caring that we have witnessed in our families, communities, and world.

Let us express our gratitude for life and the myriad things that gladden our hearts.

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These prayers, spoken aloud or in silence, we lift into the universal embrace of the One who is Love, and we make them in the name of the One who showed us what Love looks like in the flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, and we now join our voices in the prayer he taught us, saying:

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

Prayer Response (Video) "Cares Chorus" - Kelly Willard

We Offer Ourselves in Commitment and Service

Acknowledgement of Gifts

Song of Dedication (Video) "More Precious Than Silver" - wmv

Celebration of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

>People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

>We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

>It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, we bless you for creation and all that you have made, for your gracious covenant with a people transformed by your holiness, and for your steadfast love in sending the prophets to call us to repent and to walk in your ways.

>You faithfully guide all who seek your paths and your ways.

Your own Son is our Way, our Truth, and our Life.

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>Help us to walk each day as your beloved children, and to live as followers of your Son.

With thanksgiving we remember your love for the world in sending your Son to live and die as one of us.

>You put your Spirit upon him. He proclaimed release to the captives, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners

Before his death on the cross he took bread and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup and said, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

>By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church and made all things new.

By your Holy Spirit make this bread and wine to be for us the body and blood of Christ.

>Fill us with your love, uniting us with Christ, and with one another.

Through Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Music for Reflection

Dr. Olga

Aynvarg

Release of Charge

Pastor: I thank you, the members and friends of Junction City United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me and my family while we have lived and ministered among you.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.

I ask for forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.

As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned and been blessed with here.

Congregation: We receive your thankfulness, offer our forgiveness, and accept that you now enter into retirement from active ministry.

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We express our gratitude for your time among us.

We ask for forgiveness for our mistakes.

Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.

Pastor: I accept your gratitude and forgiveness and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

I release you from turning to me and depending upon me.

I encourage your continuing ministry here and I will pray for you and your new pastor, Rev. Scott Allen.

Let us pray together:

Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions.

Keep us in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Closing Hymn (Video) "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds" - First UMC Choir,
Burbank CA

Sending Forth

Pastor

*** Closing Video**