



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ENFIELD (ENFIELD, CT)
21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & OCTOBER 25, 2020
GUIDE FOR IN-PERSON AND ONLINE WORSHIP

We Gather in God's Name

Gathering

Welcome

Announcements

***Joyful Noise in Praise of God – O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

(We'll be making a joyful noise through congregational percussion instead of congregational singing.)

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!*

*Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.*

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.*

Opening Prayer

**Eternal Mystery,
before the mountains were brought forth,
and the seas began to roar,
you are God.
Bless your servants, O God, and favor us with your steadfast love.
May your love flow through us
like springs of living water,
that we may rejoice and be glad
all our days of our lives. Amen.**

We Proclaim and Respond to God's Word

Scripture Reading – Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

⁵You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

¹³Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.

¹⁶Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands –
O prosper the work of our hands!

Musical Reflection – *Amazing Grace* (Virtual Choir of UMC-Enfield)

Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.”

⁵Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. ⁸The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. ¹¹He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹²and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Sermon – “**The View from the Mountain Top**”

Silent Reflection

Concerns and Celebrations

Intercessory Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

We Give Thanks for God’s Gifts

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings and Other Gifts

Offertory Prayer

**We have heard what we must do:
“You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind. And...
you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
May the offerings we bring this day
be a sign of our commitment
to be known by our love.
Bless these offerings and our loving
in your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

We Go Forth In God’s Name

***Joyful Noise in Praise of God – Lord of All Hopefulness**

(We’ll be making a joyful noise through congregational percussion instead of congregational singing.)

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

*Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*

*Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

Benediction

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you – wherever you travel this week.

Sending Ritual – Sharing Christ’s Peace with Each Other & the World

*Please feel free to stand – wherever you are!

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