

Closing Worship Service -- Sunday, June 18, 2017

Prelude Music

Call to Worship -

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--

Pray for your communities

Keep God in the center of all that is.

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

For something happens here

that reminds us that we can live as God desires

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

and we can trust the promise.

by Henrietta Smith Andrews

Congregational Song – We've Come This Far By Faith

We've come this far by faith

Leaning on the Lord

Trusting in His Holy word

He never failed me yet

Oh! Can't Turn Around

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Just the other day, I heard a man say

He did not believe in God's word

But I can truly say, the Lord has made a way

He's never failed me yet

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Prayer for Illumination - Rev. Ashley Allen, Arlington District

When we were determined to remain at war with you,

you sent the Prince of Peace.
When our relationship with you was laying in pieces on the floor,
you offered the broken bread to restore us to wholeness.
When petty pride stiffens our necks so much
we cannot bow down in your holy presence,
you massage our souls with grace's tender touch.
We worship you in joy, God, our God.

When our ears become stuffed with ourselves,
you open them with songs of grateful praise.
When our mouths overflow with rich, sweet wine,
you wash them out with living waters of hope.
When all we can say is 'Give me! Give me!'
you challenge us to submit to servanthood.
We worship you in spirit, Jesus, Water Giver.

When our souls are empty, you fill them with living water.
When we are reluctant to follow Jesus, you steer us in the right direction.
When we are tempted to boast, your whispers of grace silence us.
We worship you in truth, Comforter of our hearts.
God in Community, Holy in One, our joy, our truth, our spirit,
we worship you, as we pray together;

**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 them that 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 – Habakkuk 2:2-3

Then the LORD replied:

“Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it.

³For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end
and will not prove false.

Though it linger, wait for it;
it will certainly come

and will not delay.

Sermon – Can You See It?
Bishop Sharma Lewis

Distribution of the Advocate

My Tribute #99 UMH

To God be the glory,
To God be the glory;
To God be the glory
For the things he has done!
With His blood He has saved me;
With His pow'r He has raised me—
To God be the glory
For the things he has done!

Let the Church Say Amen

Let the church say amen, let the church say amen
God has spoken, so let the church say amen, yeah

Let the church, let 'em say amen
If you believe the word, let the whole church say amen
God has spoken, so let the church say amen

Lift your hands, lift your hands
God has spoken, so let the church say amen
Oh, thank you lord
God has spoken, so let the church say amen

(Let the church say amen)
(Let the church) everybody (say amen)
God (God has spoken) so let the church (let the church) say (say amen) yeah
Can I get a witness, oh? (let the church say amen)
To what his plans are (let the church say amen)
To what his words say (let the church say amen)
God has spoken (God has spoken)
Let the church (let the church) say (say amen)

Make this your response (amen)
To whatever he says (amen)
From the healing of your body (amen)
To the raising of the dead (amen)
No matter how you feeling (amen)
Or how your world is reeling (amen)
Battle on through the night (amen)
'Cause you're going to win the fight (amen)

Even in the valley (amen)
Or standing at your red sea (amen)
Continue to say (amen)
'Cause your help is on the way (amen)
My god has spoken, I heard Him
(Let the church) So let the church say (say amen)

Lift your hands wherever you are, and let the church
Let the church (amen) say amen (amen)
Say, (let the church) let the church say (say amen)
God has spoken (God has spoken)
Hallelujah, (let the church) let the church say (say amen)
All we needed was a word from the Lord
We've got it so (let the church) let the church (say amen)
Oh, (let the church) let the whole church (say amen)
God has spoken (god has spoken) well, well, well
Let the church (let the church) let the church say amen, oh (say amen)

Fixing of Appointments - Blshop Sharma Lewis

Dismissal with Blessing – Bishop Sharma Lewis