

## WORSHIP GUIDE FOR OCTOBER 25, 2020

### GATHERING MUSIC

- Dana Moody

### THE MORNING WELCOME

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

### CENTERING PRAYER (in unison)

God beyond time and space, take this moment of worship and bless it. May the grace experienced in this place be multiplied to overflowing so that your whole world sees the light of your love.

God of new surprises, take each of us here, and bless us. Create in us clean hearts, refresh our spirits, and transform our whole beings, until we reflect your love and compassion through and through. Amen.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Wonder of It All”

- Julian Baker, Lori Hazlett, Jimmy Lee & Jan Whitzel

### A RESPONSIVE PRAYER INSPIRED BY PSALM 23

- Monica Whitehurst

L: Holy God, you are our shepherd, we shall want for nothing that truly matters.

P: **In green pastures you give us rest and beside deep, still waters you lead us.**

L: You promise to be with us always, offering freedom from the frictions of hatred, anxiety, fear and pain.

P: **You give us living water to satisfy our thirst for peace.**

L: You refresh and restore our souls and guide us in right paths for the sake of your name.

P: **When we are cast down we have been shown ways to bring a new creation to life in our world.**

L: Your unique plan for all of life and for each life is written into our very essence.

P: **May we believe it is a plan filled with hope, grown out of love. Help our unbelief.**

L: Even though we walk in the dark valley, we will fear no danger for you, God, are at our side, with rod and staff to give us courage. Each life, every nation, has its share of valleys. Some seem to have more than is right.

P: **You are a constant companion in the darkness.**

L: When violence, pain and loss are heavy you comfort.

P: **When we are aching, lost and discouraged, you seek us out.**

L: When we go astray, your compassionate judgment draws us back.

P: **You spread the table before us in the sight of our enemies and richly bathe our heads with oil.**

L: Our cups overflow.

P: **O holy one, you are our host as well as our shepherd. You invite us to the banquet, the banquet of life.**

L: All parts of the world are invited - enemies and friends, the alienated and powerful, those close at hand and those far off.

**P:** You offer the abundance and lavishness of bread broken and shared and the cup of refreshment that leads to new life.

**L:** We praise and thank you for your abundant spirit.

**P:** Goodness and love unfailing, these will follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the home of our God for all eternity. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 4:1-7 (MSG)

One day the wife of a man from the guild of prophets called out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead. You well know what a good man he was, devoted to GOD. And now the man to whom he was in debt is on his way to collect by taking my two children as slaves.”

<sup>2</sup> Elisha said, “I wonder how I can be of help. Tell me, what do you have in your house?” “Nothing,” she said. “Well, I do have a little oil.”

<sup>3-4</sup> “Here’s what you do,” said Elisha. “Go up and down the street and borrow jugs and bowls from all your neighbors. And not just a few—all you can get. Then come home and lock the door behind you, you and your sons. Pour oil into each container; when each is full, set it aside.”

<sup>5-6</sup> She did what he said. She locked the door behind her and her sons; as they brought the containers to her, she filled them. When all the jugs and bowls were full, she said to one of her sons, “Another jug, please.”

He said, “That’s it. There are no more jugs.”

Then the oil stopped.

<sup>7</sup> She went and told the story to the man of God. He said, “Go sell the oil and make good on your debts. Live, both you and your sons, on what’s left.”

## SERMON

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

### HOPE FOR HARD TIMES LESSONS ON FAITH FROM ELIJAH AND ELISHA “Keep Pouring”

## MEDITATIVE HYMN

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

*[NOTE: If you are worshiping with us in-person please refrain from singing; humming or a time meditative silence is permissible. If you are at home on Facebook Live you may sing.]*

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

## CLOSING PRAYER (in unison)

- Monica Whitehurst

Loving God, open our eyes and our ears so that we will see and hear the ways you call us to participate in your miracles. Open our hearts so that we may reach out with compassion and respond to the needs of those around us with love. Let us be messengers of hope in the world, as your prophets Elijah and Elisha are messengers of hope for us. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

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