



Wesleyan Vile-tality



Upside Down

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Intermezzo

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Call to Worship

One: David brought the ark up to the city, leaping and dancing before the Lord with all his might.

All: We will dance before the Lord!

One: This is the God for whom David danced: the God who lifts up the lowly, welcomes the least, and turns the world's order upside down.

All: We will dance before the Lord!

One: Whoever welcomes a little one welcomes Christ, and whoever gives a cup of cold water in love is an example of righteousness.

All: We will dance before the Lord!

One: People of God, the One who delighted in David's worship calls us out of these doors and into the streets. Will we worship with all that we are?

All: We will dance before the Lord, and we will welcome the least as we have been welcomed, even when it looks foolish, even when the world calls it vile. Amen.

Congregational Introit

What Does the Lord Require of You

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What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.
To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.

Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Make Me a Captive, Lord

UMH 421

1. Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free.
Force me to render up my sword, and I shall conqueror be.
I sink in life's alarms when by myself I stand;
imprison me within thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.

2. My heart is weak and poor until it master find;
it has no spring of action sure, it varies with the wind.
It cannot freely move till thou hast wrought its chain;
enslave it with thy matchless love, and deathless it shall reign.
3. My power is faint and low till I have learned to serve;
it lacks the needed fire to glow, it lacks the breeze to nerve.
It cannot drive the world until itself be driven;
its flag can only be unfurled when thou shalt breathe from heaven.
4. My will is not my own till thou hast made it thine;
if it would reach a monarch's throne, it must its crown resign.
It only stands unbent amid the clashing strife,
when on thy bosom it has leant, and found in thee its life.

Blessing for Young Hearts

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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 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

Peace of Our Praying

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

2 Samuel 6:12-23 (NRSVue)

It was told King David, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing, and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatted calf. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, “How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants’ maids, as any vulgar fellow might shamelessly uncover himself!” David said to Michal, “It was before the Lord, who chose me in place of your father and all his household, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the Lord—I will dance before the Lord. I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be humbled in my own eyes, but by the maids of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor.” And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

Matthew 10:40-42 (NRSVue)

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Scriptural Response

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen**

Anthem

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

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Message

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Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Prelude in C Major (Well-Tempered Clavier)

J.S. Bach
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† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

All: Comforter, draw near, for you have waited and watched as we have stumbled through the tasks of life. Our ears have not been open to the sound of your gentleness, and so with frustration and anger, we have turned on those we love and cherish and brought hurt and division to life. Like Michal at the window, we have looked on your extravagant love and called it foolishness. In prayer, we remember you invite us to choose between the path of darkness and the path of light, and laying our sorrow and failure on the ground, we long for your forgiveness to call us towards life with you. Reshape us by the fire of your Holy Spirit, so that new life spurs us to walk with you.

One: Hear the good news: the God who delighted in David's dance delights in you. God welcomed you before you ever thought to ask, and the Spirit is already breathing new life in you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

Lord of the Dance

UMH 261

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came to me and the dance went on.

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

3. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
and they left me there on a cross to die.

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance, and I still go on.

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life, that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Jubilation

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