



JANUARY 17, 2021

HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY

GATHERING AND PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (UMH #139)

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you made of one blood all nations that dwell on the face of the whole earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to them that are afar off and them that are near. Grant that all people everywhere may seek after you and find you. Bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit on all flesh, and hasten your kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (UMH #62)

**All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

CALL TO PRAYER

"Lord, Be Glorified" (TFWS #2150)

**In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.**

MORNING 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.

THANKSGIVING for OFFERING, TITHES, AND GIFTS

----- HEARING GOD'S WORD -----

SCRIPTURE

John 1:43-51 (CEB)

⁴³ The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph's son, from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael responded, "Can anything from Nazareth be good?" Philip said, "Come and see."

⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Here is a genuine Israelite in whom there is no deceit." ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are God's Son. You are the king of Israel." ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these! ⁵¹ I assure you that you will see heaven open and God's angels going up to heaven and down to earth on the Human One."

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Stand By Me"

Benjamin Harlan

SERMON

"Greater Things"

David Lord

----- RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD -----

HYMN

"Here I am, Lord" (UMH #593)

***I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

***I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

----- SENDING FORTH -----

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

"Shalom to You" (UMH #666)

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**