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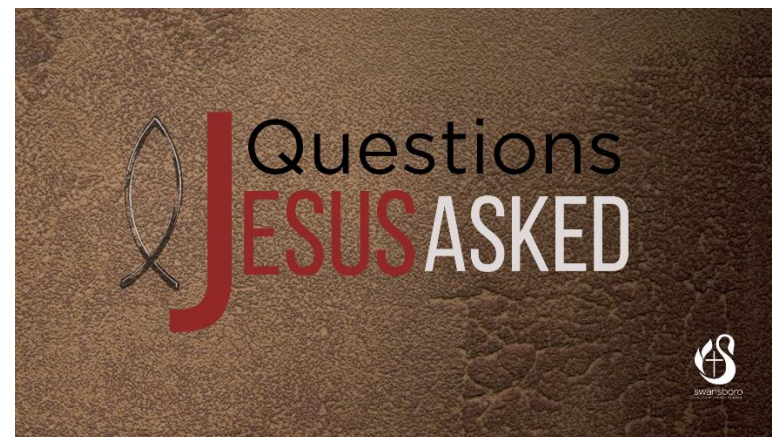
In memory of our lifetime friend,

Alice Witten

Given by Sally Barnes and Susan Stuart



“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



October 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday

8:25 a.m. Daymark Worship

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Daymark Worship

Gathering Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Preparation "I Left Them Behind" Finley Woolsten

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lord, we come to you hungry for the bread of life,

Let us break bread together, O God.

We crave the nourishment only you can give.

Lord, You alone are the source of life itself. Be made known to us again as we gather in worship around your table!

*Hymn UMH #159 "Lift High the Cross"

*Opening Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

*The Peace *(As forgiven & reconciled people, let us show one another signs of reconciliation & love.)*

First Scripture Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7 Bren Feutz

Open Altar, Open Heart *(During "Call to Prayer", all are invited to the altar for morning prayer.)*

Call to Prayer "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Special Music "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 8:34-38

Sermon: "What Do You Live For?"

Invitation to the Table

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "How Firm a Foundation"

*Doxology UMH #94

*The Great Thanksgiving

Communion Setting FWS #2257 a-d

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Anointing with oil

Bren Feutz, Marie Hurst

(All are invited to the table of the Lord. We serve by intinction, (take the bread and dip a portion into the cup, then partake), or by using prepackaged communion elements. Those unable to come forward may raise their hand and an acolyte or pastor will bring communion to you.

After receiving, you may kneel for prayer and/or go to one of our prayer stations to receive anointing and prayer from one of our lay Stephen ministers. Offerings left at the altar rail go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund used primarily to assist the needy.)

Communion Songs

"Now the Silence"

"One Bread, One Body"

Prayer after the Meal

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit

to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn UMH #504 "The Old Rugged Cross"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

"Make Me a Blessing"

**Please stand as you are able.*

Reflection Questions & Notes

1. What things are you pursuing in your life that are keeping you from taking up your cross and gaining life as God intends?
2. When has your soul felt crushed, and when has it felt lifted?
3. What important life lessons did you learn only later in life when you were ready? What lessons could you have only learned the hard way?
4. What private spiritual practices will you work on more diligently?