

20th Sunday after Pentecost – October 10, 2021 – 8:30am

Order of Worship

The Community Gathers

Lighting of Altar Candles (pre-lit)

Gathering Music -

A Word of Greeting and Welcome ~

Darrell Mark

Centering Words -

Darrell Mark

It is not what we do that saves us. It is the mercy and grace of God, poured out in love. The first shall be last, for God's love turns our expectations upside down.

Opening Hymn* - *"Down By the Riverside"*

Crossroads

Giving God Glory As We Come To Worship

Call to Worship (L: Leader P: People)-

Darrell Mark

L: Come and worship.

P: God is here.

L: Listen for God's word.

P: It is alive and active.

L: Draw near to the source of mercy.

P: The God of grace is with us.

Opening Prayer

Darrell Mark

Let us bow our heads. There are days, O God, when we feel far from your presence. We long for you, yet we feel no response, no closeness. Give us the strength to cry out in pain, speaking our truth. Give us the courage to complain, even when there is no response. In the emptiness, we long for your presence. We wait, O God, for you. We know that you are the source of all mercy and grace. We trust that you will help us in times of need. Amen.

Message for the Children (In Us All)

Darrell Mark

Choral Anthem – *"God of Grace"*

Faith Chancel Choir

The Word of God for the people of God

Scripture Lesson: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Rev. Allison Mark

Job answered² Today my complaint is again bitter; my strength is weighed down because of my groaning. ³ Oh, that I could know how to find him – come to his dwelling place; ⁴ I would lay out my case before him, fill my mouth with arguments, ⁵ know the words with which he would answer,

understand what he would say to me. ⁶Would he contend with me through brute force? No, he would surely listen to me. ⁷There those who do the right thing can argue with him; I could escape from my judge forever. ⁸Look, I go east; he's not there, west, and don't discover him; ⁹north in his activity, and I don't grasp him; he turns south, and I don't see.

¹⁶God has weakened my mind; the Almighty has frightened me. ¹⁷Still I'm not annihilated by darkness; he has hidden deep darkness from me.

L: The Word of God for all people

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon: ~ "Bitter Complaints: Born to Trouble"

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Mark

We Respond to God's grace

Offering Our Gifts ~

Doxology*

***Offertory – Prayer of Dedication**

Darrell Mark

Let us bow our heads. Generous God, we bring you our gifts today. We recognize that all we have comes from you. May these gifts bring hope to places of pain and need. We want to be followers of Jesus, who leads us from greed into service. We offer ourselves. Amen.

Going Forth in God's Holy Name

Faith In Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC –

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Closing Hymn* ~ "Gather Us In"

Crossroads

Commission and Blessings * -

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Passing of the Peace* - Postlude