

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Greetings from the pastor's desk and Social distancing Rules:*

- **Pls. Note:** "No standing or moving around in the sanctuary unnecessarily. It is prohibited to frequently move in and out during worship service, we are advised to stay in one place, Thank you for your cooperation and keeping you and neighbor safe in these uncertain times".
- **Invitation:** Members of Nominating Committee are invited to participate in a virtual meeting next Tuesday August 10 at 7 pm and the Zoom link will be provided by August 8, 2021

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## PRELUDE

*UMH # 377 It Is Well with My Soul*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** by Jaime

L. When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:

**P. it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.**

L. When we our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt:

**P. it is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.**

L. When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

**ALL: it is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.**

### **BIBLE LESSONS:**

#### **First Lesson 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 by Jaime**

<sup>5</sup> The king commanded Joab, Abishai and Ittai, “Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake.” And all the troops heard the king giving orders concerning Absalom to each of the commanders.<sup>6</sup> David’s army marched out of the city to fight Israel, and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim. <sup>7</sup> There Israel’s troops were routed by David’s men, and the casualties that day were great—twenty thousand men. <sup>8</sup> The battle spread out over the whole countryside, and the forest swallowed up more men that day than the sword.<sup>9</sup> Now Absalom happened to meet David’s men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom’s hair got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair, while the mule he was riding kept on going.<sup>31</sup> Then the Cushite arrived and said, “My lord the king, hear the good news! The LORD has vindicated you today by delivering you from the hand of all who rose up against you.”<sup>32</sup> The king asked the Cushite, “Is the young man Absalom safe?” The Cushite replied, “May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to harm you be like that young man.”<sup>33</sup> The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept.

As he went, he said: “O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!”

## PASTORAL PRAYER

*UMH # 374 Standing on the Promises*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*pls see insert*)

#### Second Lesson: 1 Kings 19:3-8

<sup>3</sup> Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, <sup>4</sup> while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, LORD,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” <sup>6</sup> He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” <sup>8</sup> So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jaime

**Praise and Worship Song: # 378 Amazing Grace by Weiyu**

**SERMON "I Can't Do This Anymore" When you feel like Giving Up.**  
by Rev Dr. Ngoy

*UMH # 397 I Need Thee Every Hour*

**OFFERING:** (Please do not forget to send in your offerings)

## BENEDICTION