

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus said: "I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink."

**P: Let us, as disciples of Christ, act justly and tenderly.**

L: Jesus said: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me, sick and you took care of me."

**P: Let us walk humbly with our God.**

L: May we see Christ in one another.

**P: So that we may be healers and peacemakers in Christ's name.**

† HYMN *Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus* UMH #514

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. As we gather, allow your Spirit to fill our very being. As we worship, inspire each of us to work more faithfully for justice and dignity of life everywhere. Raise our vision above the barriers of color, culture, and creed that separate us. Give us wisdom as we deal with one another. Awake in us the desire to seek your way of serving you in the world. In Christ's name. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15*

<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>2</sup> At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, <sup>3</sup> where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. <sup>4</sup> Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>5</sup> Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' "

<sup>6</sup> Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself."

Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup> I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. <sup>11</sup> Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, <sup>12</sup> and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. <sup>13</sup> In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, <sup>14</sup> "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."

CHILDREN'S TIME

† HYMN *God Will Take Care of You* UMH #130

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 16:19-31*

<sup>19</sup> "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup> He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' <sup>30</sup> He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup> He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

SERMON *"That is Disturbing"* Rev. David Magruder

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

UMH #881

† HYMN

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

UMH #399

† BENEDICTION

