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WHERE EARTH & HEAVEN MEET

No More Tears: A New Heaven and Earth

Service of Midday Prayer

November 4, 2020

First Presbyterian Church

OPENING SENTENCES

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Ps. 124:8

Maker of heaven and earth.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God the Almighty,

Rev. 4:8

Who was and is and is to come.

THE SONG OF THE LAMB (Hymn 369)

Rev. 5:12

Hymn 369 – O QUANTA QUALIA

1. Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
Be to the Lamb who our battle has won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.
2. Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;
Let all the earth sing his glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower
Echo these praises and tell of God's power.

3. Ever ascending the song and the joy,
Ever descending the love from on high;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise:
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

4. Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness but rising to reign.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of unfailing light,
in your realm of glory
the poor are blessed,
the hungry filled,
and every tear is wiped away.
Strengthened by this vision,
may we follow in the way of holiness
that your Son made known in life and death. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Revelation 7:9–17

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

HYMN

Sing With All The Saints in Glory

MISSISSIPPI

1. Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.

2. Oh, what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! heav' n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the
throne!

DISMISSAL

In the city of God, night shall be no more;
They need no light of lamp or sun,
For the Lord God will be their light,
And they will reign forever and ever.

Rev. 22:5

Amen.

Bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.