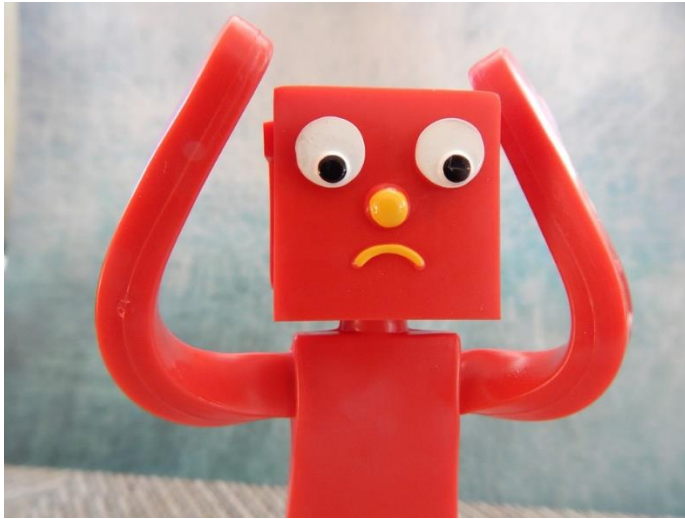


Sunday Service: September 13, 2020

"Where is God in All of This?"



"Our heavenly Father understands our disappointment, suffering, pain, fear, and doubt. He is always there to encourage our hearts and help us understand that He's sufficient for all of our needs. When I accepted this as an absolute truth in my life, I found that my worrying stopped."

— Charles Stanley

"If fear is cultivated it will become stronger, if faith is cultivated it will achieve mastery." — John Paul Jones

There sure is a whole lot of bad stuff happening right now in our world. As COVID fatalities reach 200,000 in the USA, we realize we will never be able to return to the way things were before! In desperation, we cry out, "Where are you God in the midst of all this?" "How could you let this happen, especially to those who are already poor and those who have already suffering so much?" These difficult and painful questions are not only important but are necessary questions, especially for people faith. To question God is OK; it is natural and should be encouraged.

But are we asking the right questions and are we ready to hear the answers?

1. GATHERING

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

- **All:** Good and upright is the LORD; all paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness.
- **Leader:** We live in troubled times, waiting for God's burst of light into our dark world. Take heart! God will make things right.
- **People:** As we wait, we pray that the Lord will sustain us and help us to walk in a right path. May God cast out the fear of darkness and light up our lives with hope
- **Leader:** We greet Jesus' coming to make things right.
- **All:** We greet Jesus' coming to make things right.

Opening prayer

Music

2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scriptures

Luke 22:14-20 When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Message: *"Where is God in All of This?" (Steve Ramer)*

3. RESPONDING TO GOD

Music

Joys and Concerns

Offering and Music

Closing

"You block your dream when you allow your fear to grow bigger than your faith."

— *Mary Manin Morrissey*

"Resist your fear; fear will never lead to you a positive end. Go for your faith and what you believe." — *T. D. Jakes*

"There is nothing that wastes the body like worry, and one who has any faith in God should be ashamed to worry about anything whatsoever."

— *Mahatma Gandhi*

