

WORSHIPFUL & CONVERSATION & FELLOWSHIP

Welcome

Joel 2:1-11

Common English Bible

Blow the horn in Zion;
 give a shout on my holy mountain!
Let all the people of the land tremble,
 for the day of the LORD is coming.
It is near—
² a day of darkness and no light,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread out upon the mountains,
 a great and powerful army comes,
 unlike any that has ever come before
them,
 or will come after them in centuries
ahead.
³ In front of them a fire consumes;
 and behind them a flame burns.
Land ahead of them is like Eden's garden,
 but they leave behind them a barren waste-
land;
 nothing escapes them.
⁴ They resemble horses,
 and like warhorses they charge,
⁵ like the rumbling of chariots.
They leap on the mountaintops—
 like the crackling of a fire's flame,
 devouring the stubble;
 like a powerful army
 ready for battle.
⁶ In their presence, peoples shake with fear;
 all faces turn red with worry.
⁷ Like warriors they charge;
 like soldiers they climb the wall.
Each keeps to their own path;
 they didn't change their course.
⁸ They don't crowd each other;
 each keeps to their own path.
Even if they fall among the weapons,
 they won't stop.
⁹ They rush upon the city;
 they run upon the walls.
They climb into the houses;
 they enter through the windows like thieves.
¹⁰ The earth quakes before them;

the heavens shake.
The sun and the moon are darkened;
 the stars have stopped shining,
¹¹ because the LORD utters his voice
 at the head of his army.
How numerous are his troops!
 Mighty are those who obey his word.
The day of the LORD is great;
 it stirs up great fear—who can endure it?

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

No. 717, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

Finding a New Normal: The Crisis That's Coming

Pastor Jacob

The Love Feast

including the Lord's Prayer (No. 895, The United Methodist Hymnal)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing at the Table

As we share in this feast, you are invited to share in response to the following questions:

What have you read, seen, experienced, or thought that inspired you this week?

When have you felt close to God this week?

You can share with the whole group gathered here today via your phone or device (make sure to unmute yourself). You can also write your response in the chat.

Sending Forth