



Sunday, August 16, 2020

Welcome!

We are thankful that you are worshiping with us today! To learn more about the life of our congregation, join our email list [here](#).

Here are some helpful resources for our younger worshippers:

[Children's Bulletin](#) | [Worship Worksheet for Kids](#) | [Sunday School at Home](#)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 A.M., The Church Gathered on Facebook Live

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 133*

How good it is when kindred live together in unity!

A family formed by faith, we gather to worship the Living Lord.

Lifelong followers seeking sustenance, new disciples searching for grace-

A family fashioned by faith, we gather to come before the Giver of Mercy.

Children of God, come!

The Lord gathers us in and calls us his own. Let us praise God!

*OPENING PRAYER

Our Father and Mother to us all, as we gather together from different places, have us come together in spirit to honor and glorify you. Help us seek you in the dark places as well as the high places. In this time and space, cling to our hearts as we worship you this day. Amen.

*HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

- 1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*
- 2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.*

*Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

3. *Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Leader: May God be with you in worship there.

Congregation: **May God be with you in worship there.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We gather as broken and imperfect people. Because of God, we are claimed and adopted as his own. In our brokenness, let us boldly confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, there is much we must confess: when we discount another's pain or overlook neighbors in distress, forgive us. When we choose callous words over compassionate impulses, forgive us. When we think others less deserving of grace and ration kindness as if it could be exhausted, forgive us. Have mercy upon us, Lord, and heal our brokenness so that every word and deed that proceed from our hearts might glorify you.

Silence is kept for personal prayer

POURING OF THE WATERS & DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

In these waters, we are reminded that God's love for us will always win over evil. In Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

*THE GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 582)

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me;

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.

World without end, without end, Amen. World without end, without end, Amen;

World without end, without end Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 399)

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

God welcomes all, strangers and friends. God's love is strong and it never ends. (Repeat)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us draw nearer to you, O God, through this holy text written and pronounced. Let this time of meditation help us seek your face in all walks of life. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 67:1-7

Here ends the psalm. **Amen**

Genesis 45:1-15

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

SERMON

Rev. David Madewell

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Amazing Grace

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, creator and restorer of all life, we thank you for this table and what it represents. As a people called to your work to glorify you in every walk of life, let this table draw us closer together so that we might draw closer to you. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 838

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

1. *Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

2. *Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

3. *Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

Rev. David Madewell

PRESIDING AT THE TABLE

Dennis Jewett, Minister of Music

ASSISTING

*Jeff Moles, Director of Christian Education & Mission
Stephanie Dubé, Director of Youth Ministries & Weekday School*

MUSICIANS

Patrick Ritsch, Organist