



Sunday, September 13, 2020

*Welcome!*

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

Here is a helpful resource for our younger worshippers:

[Worship Worksheet for Kids](#)

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 A.M.

### THE GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God is majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor,  
and worthy of our highest praise.

**Who is like the Lord?**

Our God blew back the waters, prepared a path through the sea, and  
appeared as a pillar of fire to light the pilgrim way.

**Who is like the Lord?**

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

**Let us sing to the Lord who triumphs gloriously!**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, we gather this day to better find Christ in others as well as ourselves. In the midst of division, pour out your Spirit of joy and patience to better resemble your beloved community. Though we come from different points of view and places, let our love and praise for you bring us together this day. Amen.

#### \*HYMN 339

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

- Lift ev'ry voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;*

*Facing the rising sun, of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.*

- God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
You who have brought us thus far on the way;  
You who have by your might, led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you;  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget you;  
Shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.*

#### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES & PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Alex Bates, Logan Black, Lilly Coburn, Chelsea Cowan, Ella Grace Hicks, and Gus Moore

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The Psalms speak of our loving God, who is gracious and merciful to forgive us of our faults and our shortcomings. Knowing this, let us with confidence confess our sins.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we are quick to ask for grace when we have fallen short, for patience when we have stubbornly turned away from you. Why are we slow to show the same mercy to others? We keep track of wrongs and cling to old hurts, rather than offering the forgiveness that could free others and ourselves. We strive to be more faithful, Lord; we want to be more loving. So, we kneel before you once again to ask for patience and grace. Transform us, we pray. Pour out your mercy upon us, until it flows forth from us through acts of love.**

*Silence is kept for personal prayer*

#### POURING OF THE WATERS & DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

If God be for us, who can be against us. By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

#### \*SUNG RESPONSE

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

*Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate;  
Light is stronger than darkness; Life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours, victory is ours, through God who loves us. (Repeat)*

#### \*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

THEMBA AMEN

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

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of abundant love and mercy, envelop our hearts and minds this day as we go to your word. Bless this time together as we come seeking your wisdom. Amen.

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 103: 1-8; 12-13  
Here ends the psalm. **Amen**

Romans 14:1-12  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. David Madewell

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles Creed*

**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

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me*

K. Lee Scott

\*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 442

*Just as I Am, without One Plea*

WOODWORTH

1. *Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*
2. *Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*
3. *Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*
4. *Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Please be mindful of social distancing as you depart worship today.

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

*Rev. David Madewell*

PRESIDING AT THE TABLE

*Dennis Jewett, Director of Music*

ASSISTING

*Jeff Moles, Director of Christian Education & Mission*

*Stephanie Dube, Director of Youth Ministries & Weekday School*

MUSICIANS

*Patrick Ritsch, Pianist*