

Bulletin for Sunday, April 26, 2020

Greeting and Welcome

Time of Centering Prayer

Prelude

Response, Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Call to Worship (responsively)

L: God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this week.

**P: We have come to this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God
and to give thanks for God's presence with us.**

L: God is with us even now, ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness.

**P: Fill us with your goodness, O God. Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world
that we might fulfill the purpose for which you created us.**

Hymn, Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

Prayer (in unison)

**We thank you, Gracious God, that you hear us when we pray to you. Make us bold
to trust you; make us patient to wait on you. You open wide the door to your heart
when we knock; help us to respond by opening to you; through the grace of Jesus
Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Musical Offering

Kelly Thompson

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures, Psalm 27

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Gospel Lesson, Matthew 13:31-32

Response, He is Lord

**He is Lord, he is Lord, he is risen from the dead and he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Sermon, "Little Things with Big Meaning: I – A Mustard Seed"

Hymn, Pass It On

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;
You spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.**

**What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding;
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it;
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.**

**I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found;
You can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop; I want my world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Response, Cares Chorus

**I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.**

Announcements

Hymn, As a Fire is Meant for Burning

**As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
So the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
We join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.**

**We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers, we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.**

**As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,
So may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
May our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.**

Benediction

Bind Us Together

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.**