

*Bulletin for Sunday, May 17, 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: We are a people created to sing praise to God!

**P: We praise the God who gives rivers in the desert.**

L: We worship the God who has said "yes!" to humanity in Jesus Christ.

**P: We give thanks to the God who gives the Spirit in our hearts.**

**All: Glory be to God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, giver of all good gifts!**

Hymn, We, Thy People, Praise Thee

**We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!  
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!  
Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of rapture filled with light  
Tell thy goodness, tell thy mercies, tell thy glorious might.  
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore!**

**We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!  
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!  
For thy blessings, for thy bounty, joyful songs to thee we sing,  
Songs of glory, songs of triumph to our God and King.  
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Gracious God, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart,  
our soul, our strength, our mind. We have not loved our neighbors with  
a deep and abiding compassion. And we have not loved ourselves and  
cared for our truest needs. Transform our shallowness, enliven our  
deadness, heal our wounded, broken places, and so fill us with your  
spirit that we can be forgiven, even as we forgive ourselves and others.  
For we pray in the name of Jesus, who brings us love that has no end. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Musical Offering

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures, Psalm 46

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Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures, I Samuel 17: 19-49

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: IV – A Slingshot"

Hymn, Soldiers of Christ, Arise

**Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on,  
strong in the strength which God supplies thru his eternal Son;  
strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in his mighty power,  
who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.**

**Stand then in his great might, with all his strength endued,  
but take to arm you for the fight, the panoply of God;  
that having all things done, and all your conflicts passed,  
ye may o'er come thru Christ alone and stand entire at last.**

**Pray without ceasing, pray; (your Captain gives the word)  
his summons cheerfully obey and call upon the Lord;  
to God your every want in instant prayer display,  
pray always, pray and never faint, pray, without ceasing pray.**

**From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray,  
tread all the powers of darkness down and win the well-fought day.  
Still let the Spirit cry in all his soldiers, "Come!"  
till Christ the Lord descends from high and takes the conquerors home.**

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, Victory in Jesus

**I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,  
how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;  
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,  
then I repented on my sins and won the victory.**

**Refrain: O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!  
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;  
he loved me ere I knew him, and my love is due him;  
he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.**

I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing,  
how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;  
and then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"  
and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

**Refrain**

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory,  
and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;  
about the angels singing and the old redemption story,  
and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

**Refrain**

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.**