

Bulletin for Sunday, May 24, 2020
Memorial Day Weekend

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: It is an awesome thing to stand in the presence of God,
to call God's holy name.

**P: As far as the heavens are above the earth, God's ways are
above our ways.**

L: But we come with confidence, because in Christ we are
called to be God's people.

**P: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before
God our Maker!**

Hymn, God of Grace and God of Glory

**God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power,
crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour;
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore;
serving thee whom we adore.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of truth, how difficult it is for us to be truthful before you. We want to hide our anxieties and fears, our resentments and self-centeredness. Cut through our evasions by the truth of your word, and help us to be honest. God of mercy, your hopes for us are greater than our own, yet our failures do not surprise you. Forgive us, we pray, even for the sin we cannot see or find it painful to confess. God of love, accept us as we are, so that we may accept ourselves. Teach us to affirm what is good in our lives, and to put behind us what is unworthy, that by your grace we may live in confidence and joy, in the manner of Jesus our Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Musical Offering

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures, Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

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Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures, Jeremiah 18:1-4

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 – Pottery"

Hymn, He Touched Me

**Shackled by a heavy burden, neath a load of guilt and shame,
then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.
He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.**

**Since I met this blessed Savior, since he cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls.
He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.**

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, Battle Hymn of the Republic

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on.**

***Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.***

**I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,
they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
his day is marching on.**

Refrain

**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.**

Refrain

**In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
while God is marching on.**

Refrain

**He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
he is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave;
so the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of wrong his slave.
Our God is marching on.**

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.**