

Bulletin for Sunday, October 25, 2020

PRELUDE

GREETING and WELCOME

TIME of CENTERING PRAYER

CALL to WORSHIP:

L: They asked Jesus, "What is the greatest commandment?"

P: He said that each one should love the Lord their God with all their hearts and with all their souls and with all their minds.

L: Jesus has given all of us the key to faithful discipleship.

P: Yet he added something that they had counted as unimportant.

L: That's right! He said that they should also love their neighbors as they loved themselves.

P: That's not always easy, but it is vitally important.

L: Thanks be to Jesus who gives us the total picture of faithful discipleship.

P: Open our hearts, Lord, today that we might truly follow these commandments. Amen.

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Merciful God, it isn't easy for us to follow the commandments of loving. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbors. But we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our spirits, turning them away from those who need our love. We place a test before you, asking that you prove your love to us, or we threaten not to believe in you. Please forgive us for this foolishness and stubbornness. Give us the courage to be people who will care for others. Let us dedicate our lives in your service, always aware of your awesome love for us. This we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION

WORDS of PARDON and ASSURANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING: "He Is Good" Kelly Thompson & Darin Peters

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

MUSICAL OFFERING: "The Prayer" Kelly Thompson & Darin Peters

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:34-46

SERMON: "The Greatest Commandment" Pastor Warner

HYMN STORY "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

PRAYER CONCERNS / PASTORAL PRAYER and 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN STORY *“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”*

BENEDICTION

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Go forth into this aching, hurting world with God’s love, offering healing, hope, and peace to all. Go in peace and may God’s peace surround you always. Amen.

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