Bulletin for Sunday, June 14, 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 have been created to be God's children, but we are free to accept or deny this identity.
- P: We have come to tell the world that we want to live as sons and daughters of God.
- L: In Christ, we are called to participate in the life of God.

 We may come, or stay away.
- P: We have come to tell the world that Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Praise be to God!

Hymn, We Sing to You, O God

We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth, let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth. To you, O God, let songs be raised, in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.

We wandered far from home out in a desert land, you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band. You kept us safe within your arms and shielded us against the storm.

You bear us through the world, an eagle to her young, who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun.
We ride the vaults of light and air and trust in your unfailing care.

O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings, The everlasting arms to whom our praises ring. Your word is true, your way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, we hear you calling. You have shown us hope and you offer us courage. We come to you as people who long to walk your pathways of grace and love. But many times, God, we get discouraged by our living. We are afraid of the difficult experiences; we despair at challenges that are given to us. The roads we walk find us weary sometimes, and we let hopelessness get the best of us. Care for us on our journey, Lord. Help us to

know that your love is always there, sustaining us, and surrounding us with care. Take our road-weary lives and transform us to be your new people, shining in the darkness. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Musical Offering

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures, Exodus 3:1-15

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Gospel Lesson, Luke 18:18-25

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, "Four Stories: I – The Calls of Moses and the Rich Young Ruler"

Hymn, Take Up Thy Cross

"Take up thy cross," the Savior said, "if thou wouldst my disciple be; deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me."

Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm; his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy foolish pride rebel; thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

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, The Summons

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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.