

Bulletin for Sunday, August 16, 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 go out into the world.

**P: Together we use our God-given gifts.**

L: We serve and we love.

**P: United by Christ, we are Christ for the world.**

L: Still, our efforts fall flat.

**P: But Christ is the head of the church and he will help us. Amen.**

Opening Hymn, "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" UMH 158

**1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!**

**2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

**3. Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!**

Call to Confession

Prayer (in unison)

**Loving God, you sustain us with your abiding grace. We have struggled with stress, anxiety, and our faith sometimes wavers. We have sinned against you and against others by our thoughts, words, and deeds. There are times you have called us to be the church but instead, we have been more concerned with ourselves. There are times when you have called us to share your love with our community but we have lost sight of our mission. We give you praise that in our confession we are forgiven. Continue your sanctifying work in our hearts that we might be more like Jesus. Enable us as your church to be ministers of the Gospel and true disciples. Dearest Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Musical Offering, Ed McKeown, "Look for Me at Jesus' Feet"

New Testament Lesson, Ephesians 4:11-16

Musical Offering, Ed and Cheryl McKeown, "One Pair of Hands"

Gospel Lesson, Matthew 16:13-18

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

"Sermon Series - Who Are as Christians Part 4: We Are the Church"

Pastor Warner

Responsive Song, "We Are God's People" TFWS 2220

**1. We are God's people the chosen of the Lord**

**Born of His Spirit established by His Word**

**Our cornerstone is Christ alone**

**And strong in Him we stand**

**O let us live transparently**

**And walk heart to heart and hand in hand**

**2. We are God's loved one, the Bride of Christ, our Lord,**

**For we have known it, the love of God outpoured.**

**Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;**

**O let us share each joy and care**

**And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.**

**3. We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,**

**Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead.**

**He wills us be a family Diverse, yet truly one;**

**O let us give our gifts to God**

**And so shall His work on earth be done.**

**4. We are a Temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,**

**Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace.**

**We die alone, for on its own**

**Each ember loses fire;**

**Yet joined in one the flame burns on**

**To give warmth and light and to inspire.**

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

Closing Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation" UMH 545

**1. The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.**

**2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.**

**3. Though with a scornful wonder  
we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.**

**4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious,  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.**

**5. Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.**

**O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.**

Benediction

Closing Response, 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.**