

Bulletin for Sunday, September 13 2020

Greeting and Welcome

Time of Centering Prayer

Prelude

Response, Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Call to Worship (responsively)

L: Day by day, God leads us

P: To grace and peace in Jesus Christ.

L: Day by day, Jesus calls us

P: To pour out ourselves in love and service

L: Day by day, the Holy Spirit helps us

P: To be a family for the least of these

Opening Hymn, "Love Lifted Me" W&S 3101

**1. I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
but the Master of the sea heard my deep despairing cry,
from the waters lifted me; now safe am I.**

[Refrain]

Love lifted me! Love lifted even me!

When nothing else could help. Love lifted me.

Love lifted even me! Love lifted even me!

When nothing else could help. Love lifted me.

**2. Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
he will lift you by his love out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows his will obey;
he your Savior wants to be – be saved today. [Refrain]**

Call to Confession

Prayer (in unison)

Amazing God, your love is infinite! You humbled yourself to the point of death on a cross, to show us what love is really like. However, we have at times taken your love for granted. Instead of responding to the world with love, we have done harm to others. Instead of being people who love by our actions, we have been lazy and self-centered. We are sinners both inwardly and out. We are in need of your grace and forgiveness more than ever. Transform our hearts, God of grace, so that we might be evermore faithful to you. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Musical Offering: Paul Humphrey, Laurie Ruth, and Linda Carey

New Testament Lesson, 1 John 3:16-24

Musical Offering, Paul Humphrey

Gospel Lesson, Matthew 22:34-40

Response, Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Sermon "Countercultural Teachings of the Bible Part 4: Love Is a Verb" Pastor Warner

Responsive Song, "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

**1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his love as he told me to.**

[Refrain]

He said, "Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I love."

**2. All power is given in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his power as he told me to. [Refrain]**

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, "Pass It On" UMH 572

**1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.**

**That's how it is with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you spread his love to everyone;
you want to pass it on.**

**2. What a wondrous time is spring,
when all the trees are budding.
the birds begin to sing,
the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.**

**3. I wish for you, my friend,
this happiness that I've found;
you can depend on him,
it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop;
I want my world to know;
the Lord of Love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.**

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.**