

Sunday April 26th, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: When you feel alone, don't despair . . .

All: Christ walks with us.

One: When your hope falters, open your ears . . .

All: God is still speaking words of comfort and love.

One: When your spirit flags, open your hearts . . .

All: The Spirit is here to guide us to God.

One: Make your homes houses of worship today.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 330 "Jesus Shall Reign"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

God of love, plant an imperishable seed of faith within us today. Nurture the roots of life and hope within our souls, that our hearts might burn within us when we hear your voice. During times of suffering and doubt, help us grow strong and true, through your enduring word. Stay with us now and reveal your presence to us, as we grieve for the harm done to our country this week through the violence of one man and, in recent weeks, through the virus. Amen.

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Minute For Mission – Access to Clean Water

Hymn: VU 356 "Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God"

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 13-35

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

God of Easter hope, it is easy to dismiss your resurrection miracles in the world we live in. When we fail to recognize you on the road, speak your enduring word to us, that our hearts may yearn to know you better. Help us follow our hearts when we meet you on the road and invite you to stay with us, that our eyes may be opened to your life-giving presence. During times of confusion and doubt, open our eyes to the many ways you reveal yourself to us, that we may have the confidence to proclaim the miracle of Easter. Amen.

Time of Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: In Christ Jesus, we find mutual love and an imperishable seed of faith and joy.

All: Risen with Christ, we are born anew. Amen.

Anthem: Cantor Azi Schwartz – “You’ll Never Walk Alone”

Message: You Never Walk Alone

Hymn: VU 371 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

The Offering

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Give thanks to God in love made known,
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 651 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

The Blessing and Benediction

***Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;***

***Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above!
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.***

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Postlude: Tiffany Goodrick's Virtual Choir – "Down To The River To Pray"