

Sunday May 17th, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: God made the world and everyone in it.

All: Our life and breath come from God.

One: God made all nations under heaven.

All: We are all God's offspring.

One: Search for God in your times of worship.

All: When we search, we find God near.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 264 "Immortal, Invisible"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Hear our prayers, O God, as we come to sing your praises. Bless us with your steadfast love, in times of peace and in times of trial. Make your presence known to us this day, for we seek to know you better. Enliven us with your Spirit of truth, and increase our faith, even as we place our hope and trust in you. Amen.

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU - "Lord Of All Hopefulness"

Gospel Reading: John 14: 15-21

Scripture Reading: Acts 17: 22-31

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

Sometimes, O God, your ways are a mystery to us. When we cry out in desperation, we don't really expect you to hear our prayers. When we suffer for doing the right thing, it just seems like par for the course. When we deny or doubt your presence, forgive us, O God. Make your presence known to us, and receive our prayers and praise, as those who long to feel your presence. Amen.

Time of Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: The Spirit of truth abides with you and will be with you. Because the Lord lives, you also will live.

All: We love God and we receive God's abiding love. Amen.

Anthem: Mindy Smoot Robbins, Dallyn Vail Bayles, and One Voice Children's Choir – "*The Prayer*"

Message: All God's Creation

Hymn: VU 372 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

The Offering

***We give thee but thine own,
What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O God, from thee.***

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 652 "Be Still, My Soul"

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: Nichole Nordeman: "Small Enough"