

Sunday May 24th, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Rejoice and sing to God.

All: We sing of the Risen Christ.

One: Clap your hands and shout with joy!

All: We rejoice in the living God.

One: Celebrate this day.

All: We celebrate with the Spirit who stays with us.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 231 "I Sing The Mighty Power Of God"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Holy God, we celebrate your presence this day. For the gift of resurrection, we give you thanks and praise. For the gift of your ongoing presence in our lives, we rejoice and sing. Overwhelm us with your presence wherever we are, that we might be overwhelmed with joy. In gratitude we pray. Amen.

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 822 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"

Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 1-4; and 24: 44-53

Scripture Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

Heavenly Christ, come down from on high to be with us, even in our darkest hours. As you share in our suffering, share your love in the midst of our loneliness, and our shortcomings and our failings. Raise us to new heights with your forgiveness and mercy, that we may glorify you in all that we say and all that we do. Enter into our sorrows with grace and hope, that we might be overwhelmed with joy. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Time of Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: The Risen Christ is with us, restoring, empowering, and strengthening us.

All: We are established as God's beloved children, forgiven and made new in Christ's love. Amen.

Anthem: *The Blessing* (Canada edition)

Message: Part of the Story

Hymn: VU 236 "Now Thank We All Our God"

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 211 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

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: *The Blessing* (Symphonic edition)

The Blessing

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