

Sunday July 26th, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord!

All: We sing praises to God!

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All: We give thanks for all God has done in our lives.

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All: We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 339 "When Morning Gilds The Skies"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Holy One, we come before you with sighs too deep for words. We come with hearts overwhelmed - by the world, by the virus, by personal relationships, and by inward struggles. We come to praise your name and to be reassured of your unending grace. Open our hearts to your presence. Open our ears to hear your word proclaimed. Open our hands to serve you and the world. May our lives reflect Christ, who walks with us and gives us life. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 626 "I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say"

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 29: 15-28

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

Loving God, you search our hearts to see all the good, and all the challenges, and all the obstacles in our lives. You remember the times we have turned away from you – the times we have forgotten we are your beloved children. Forgive us when we do not act like your faithful followers. Remind us we are a part of your family. May your Son, Jesus Christ, intercede in our lives to bring us grace and healing. Help us be your servants and share your story with the world. In your precious name we pray. Amen.

Time of Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: Beloved children of God, nothing in this life can separate us from the love of God.

All: We receive the forgiveness of God and will strive to be a loving community of faith. Amen.

Anthem: Newsboys – “*We Believe*”

Message: Growing Up

Hymn: VU 574 “Come, Let Us Sing Of A Wonderful Love”

The Offering

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 326 “O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”

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: Matt Redman – “10,000 Reasons” live at the Royal Albert Hall