

Sunday July 5th, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: When our future seems lost and others have taken our place of honour,

All: You restore our hope and promise us an inheritance of our own.

One: Who is like you among the gods?

All: Who answers prayer in times of deepest need?

One: We gather at a distance to worship you, O God,

All: for you alone can save us.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 710 "Shall We Gather At The River?"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Creator God, you have created us to walk with you. Help us walk with you in this time of worship, that we may be strengthened to walk with you all the days of our lives. As we come to you this day, bless us with your grace and your rest, that we may find renewal and the strength to serve with confidence and joy. Amen.

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU - "Blessed Be Your Name"

Epistle Reading: Romans 7: 15-25

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

Prophetic One, you call us to new places and new ways. We yearn to follow you with confidence and joy, but our resistance is often stronger than our willingness. At times, our steps falter. At moments, we can't even hear your voice, let alone recognise your song in our hearts. Strengthen us with your mercy. Renew us with your grace. Sing to us with your compassion. Connect us with the yoke of unconditional love, that we may follow joyously and sing praise and love with every act and every word of our lives. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Time of Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: Rejoice and give thanks. With grace, Christ is already carrying our burdens to renew our souls.
**All: With mercy, Christ is already shouldering our load to strengthen our lives.
Amen.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Anthem: BYU Noteworthy – “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Message: Beasts of Burden

Hymn: VU 240 “Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven”

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 288 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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: Simon Khorolskiy – “I Wonder As I Wander”