

Sunday August 23rd, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: We give thanks to you, O Lord,

All: with all our heart!

One: We will sing your praises before all creation,

All: and rejoice in your steadfast love!

One: You have created us O Lord, and made us for yourself,

All: In you we become everything you have made us to be!

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 341 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Lord God, maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in spirit in your name. We are living sacrifices, offering you our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers.

Come join us, living Lord. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may recognize your presence, hear your voice, know your will, and walk in your way.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 684 “Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace”

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 1:8 - 2:10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 13-23

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost, and wonder why we cannot find you. We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless. We sit at the head tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place. In forgiving us,

God of new life, you would transform our cold hearts into those melted in service to others. In granting us mercy, you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored. In gifting us with grace, you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks.

Time of Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: God, who is merciful to all, forgives us all

All: through the grace and compassion of Christ. Amen.

Anthem: Vision Children's Choir – "Well Done"

Message: Peter – A Monologue

Hymn: VU 151 "Lift High The Cross"

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 286 "If Thou But Trust In God To Guide Thee"

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: Claire Ryann Crosby – "Peace In Christ"