

Sunday August 2nd, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Come, all who are weary.

All: Christ strengthens us with love and grace.

One: In this strength, we can do all things.

All: We are gathered, ready to receive God's blessings.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 217 "All Creatures Of Our God And King"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Mighty God, pour out your power and strength on us. Grant us the nourishment we need to receive your word. May your presence fill our lives and carry us onwards, preparing us to be your people and equipping us to do your work in the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 313 "Thou, Whose Almighty Word"

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 32: 22-31

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14: 13-21

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

Come to us, Holy One, even in our times of resistance. Work within and through us, even when we wrestle with doubt and despair. Enlighten and guide us, even in our darkest hours. Bless us and call us by name, even when we reject your presence.

Hold us and love us, even when we try to run away. When we feel beaten down by the world, and are weary with fatigue and sorrow, nourish us with your mercy and your grace. Fill us with your love, that we may go forward with confidence and faith. In your mighty name, we pray. Amen.

Time of Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: God's strength is enough. Christ's forgiveness is sure.

All: Through God's strength and Christ's grace, we are blessed, loved and made whole. Amen.

Anthem: MercyMe – "*Beautiful*"

Message: Filet-O-Fish

Hymn: VU 273 "The King Of 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 232 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore 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: World Youth Choir – "*An Irish Blessing*"