

Sunday October 18th, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: If we get too comfortable, O God,

All: challenge us to reflect on our lives.

One: If we become too set in our ways, O God,

All: challenge us to try things differently.

One: If we become too obsessed with worldly things, O God,

All: challenge us to seek holiness.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 409 “Morning Has Broken”

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Holy God, we come to you with praise on our lips and songs of joy in our hearts. We come to affirm that good is stronger than evil, that love is stronger than hate, that truth will ultimately win the day. Keep our hearts focused on things that are worthy of praise, and bless us with your peace. Keep our thoughts focused on Christ and his promises to us. Amen.

Good News Time

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: VU 220 “Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 33: 12-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 15-22

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

Loving Creator, following Your ways isn’t always an easy thing to do. Sometimes we allow our worries and doubts to cloud our visions of You and weaken our faith.

Sometimes we can’t feel You near us so we try to find things that will fill the void, but those things always leave us feeling spiritually shallow or empty. Forgive us.

Focus our hearts and minds on things that bring praise to Your name, things that are good and right. Shine the light of Your love into our lives, so that we may see within ourselves the things that are a reflection of who You are. Amen.

Time of Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, is ours through Jesus Christ.

All: With faith in Christ, we rest secure. Amen.

Anthem: Hillsong Church – “*How Great Thou Art*”

Message: Kicking The Cat

Hymn: VU 236 “Now Thank We All Our God”

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 - “To God Be The Glory”

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: Audrey Assad – “*Holy Holy Holy*”