

Sunday, January 31st, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 111)

One: Praise God, who loves us all.

All: Praise God, who is full of mercy and compassion.

One: Praise God, who loves us well.

All: Praise God, who creates honesty and justice.

One: Praise God, who invites us to love.

All: Praise God, who loves through us and our actions.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **VU# 262** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Loving God, love through us, as we worship your holy name. Love through us, as we listen for your holy word. Love through us, as we live your teachings and offer your love to our world. In your majestic name, we pray. Amen.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 21-28

Hymn **VU# 367** “Come Down, O Love Divine”

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

When we cry out with words that hurt, silence our cries and speak gently through our words. When we act in ways that hurt, even when help is intended, transform our hurtful actions with your grace.

When we forget that we are loved and called to love, love us back into your likeness, that your love might flow freely through us and bring your love to the world. In your holy presence of love, we pray. Amen.

(A time of quiet reflection on the prayer we have just shared)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Full of mercy and compassion, God knows us to the core of our being, and loves us through all of our days.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem: Fountainview Academy – *“God Will Take Care Of You”*

Sermon: More Than Just Yourself

Hymn **VU# 315** “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

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# 274** “Thy Hand, O God, Has Guided”

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: The Petersens – *“Beulah Land”*