

Sunday, April 11th, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Come, walk in the light.

All: We walk together as children of light and love.

One: Come, worship in the love of God.

All: We worship together as children of light and love.

One: Come, live in the unity of God's Holy Spirit.

All: We live together as children of light and love.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **VU# 234** "Let Us With A Gladsome Mind"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Light of the world, shine upon us with your Holy Spirit. Gather with us wherever we are, that we might know you are truly here. Guide us in unity and love, that we might be a blessing of unity and love for the world. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Acts 4: 32-35

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-31

Hymn **VU# 378** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

The Lord's Prayer

Good News Time

Prayer of Confession

You know us so very well, Christ Jesus. You know our doubts and our questions, and you love us enough to welcome such doubts and questions. You know our fractures and divisions, and you love us enough to invite us to forgive one another and live in unity.

You know the shadows that tempt us, and still you shine your light within, inviting warmth, and welcoming us back to your path of peace and love. Thank you for loving us and for inviting us on the journey of love.

Help us embrace this journey, that we may walk in the light, and live in unity together. In your gracious love, we pray. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

One: God is faithful in love and grace, making our confession welcome and cleansing for the soul.

All: We rejoice! We are children of light. Even when we falter, God's love is strong enough to bring us back to the light of forgiveness and grace. Amen.

Anthem: BYU Noteworthy – “Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”

Sermon: Jesus and Germs

Hymn: **VU# 238** “How Great Thou Art”

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# 372** “Though I May Speak”

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 Weaver Family – “I Will Serve Thee”