

Sunday, April 18th, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Living God, you are the source of our security;

All: In the midst of our troubles, you will be with us.

One: Living God, you are the source of our strength;

All: When uncertainty and weakness grip us, you will build us up.

One: Living God, you are the source of our faith;

All: In Jesus Christ you have given us your Son to believe in.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **VU# -** "To God Be The Glory"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

God of creation, your heavens and earth shout out the amazing news of your power and glory. God of justice, your laws of mercy and goodness reveal your vision of harmony for all people.

God of love, your Son Jesus Christ proclaims the amazing news of your liberation for all who are hungry, poor, or oppressed. May we join with all of creation to become your message of love to the world. Amen.

New Testament Reading: 1 John 3: 1-7

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 36-48

Hymn **VU# 506** "Take My Life And Let It Be"

The Lord's Prayer

Good News Time

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, sometimes we are too good at talking. We talk about our desire for justice, but our actions bring poverty and oppression to those we claim to serve. We talk about our deep love for you, but we come up short when it's time to show love for those who make us uncomfortable.

We talk about our commitment to serve others, but our busy lives make it hard to find the time to act as your disciples. God, help us turn our words into actions, that our very lives may become the message of love you have called us to proclaim.

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

Assurance of Pardon

One: Pardon and peace are ours to accept.

All: We will know peace, thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem: Madilyn Paige – “Come Unto Jesus”

Sermon: Bones

Hymn: **VU# 371** “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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# 264** “Immortal, Invisible”

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: Lifetree Kids – “The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus”