

Sunday, June 13th, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 20)

One: Come, walk in the light of faith.

All: We will walk humbly with our God.

One: Come, love in the light of faith.

All: We will love everything the light touches.

One: Come, sing in the light of faith.

All: We will sing praise to our God.

One: Come, live in the light of faith.

All: We will live as faithful followers of Christ.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn

VU# 336

“Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies”

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Help us to walk by faith, O God, not by sight. Be our vision, holy one, for without vision your people perish. Remind us that you do not see as mortals see, for you do not judge by outward appearances, but look on the heart.

With our eyes of faith enlightened, help us see your Kingdom in a tiny mustard seed, and marvel at the growth you offer to all through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Gospel Reading: Mark 4: 26-34

Hymn

VU# 256

“O God Beyond All Praising”

The Lord's Prayer

Good News Time

Prayer of Confession

God of love and compassion, we take pride in our own power, rather than in your holy name. We have focused on our outward appearances, wanting people to think well of us.

We have forgotten that you alone can make seeds sprout and grow. We have lived selfishly, thinking only of our own needs and desires. We have not walked by faith. Forgive us, Holy One, when we live as if we had not been made new by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

One: The Holy One, who makes all things new, surrounds us with love and grace. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and we give glory to God. Amen.

Anthem: Ada Ehi – “*Everything*”

Sermon: Raindrops Keep Falling...

Hymn: **VU# 227** “For The Fruits Of This Creation”

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# 678** “For The Healing Of The Nations”

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: Ada Ehi featuring Buchi - “*Congratulations*”