

Sunday, June 27th, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 130)

One: We wait for the Lord,

All: And find hope in God's word.

One: Our souls wait for the Lord,

All: More than those who watch for the morning.

One: Let us seek hope in our God,

All: Whose power is enduring love,

One: Whose redemption brings healing and grace.

All: We wait for the Lord, and find our hope in God's presence.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **VU# 326** “O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Holy one, in peace or in pain, we call to you, and you answer. Hear our voices, O God, and the cries of our hearts. Wherever we are as we worship today, come and bring us your presence. Come and bring us your peace. Amen.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

Gospel Reading: Mark 5: 21-43

Hymn **VU# 560** “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

The Lord's Prayer

Good News Time

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we come to you in search of healing. We come to you in search of peace. We come, often bearing only a tiny seed of hope within, praying that it is enough. Our cries come in the deepest part of the night, and we do not always ask for help.

Our hearts bleed just as surely as our bodies, and we do not always recognize the hidden pain of others. Or even our own. Sometimes we struggle to find our faith at all, and forget that doubt, too, is a part of belief. Give us courage enough to reach out for the hem of your cloak.

Give us strength enough to speak the truth of our own struggles, and to see and hear and know the struggles of others. Forgive us when we think you only want us if we are perfect. Fill us with your endless supply of love, so that we might try again. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

One: Christ gave us his weakness, that we might become strong. He gave us the wealth of his wisdom, that we might know what is true.

All: There is forgiveness in God, and a hope that makes us whole. Amen.

Anthem: The Detty Family – “*Church (Take Me Back)*”

Sermon: Reach Out (I'll Be There)

Hymn: **VU# 296** “This Is God’s Wondrous World”

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# 236** “Now Thank We All Our God”

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: Voctave and a virtual choir – “*You Will Be Found*”