

Sunday, July 25th, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to God for this day.

All: The glory of God's creation is spread before us.

One: Give thanks to God for our living.

All: The love of family and friends surrounds us.

One: Give thanks to God for this time of worship.

All: The opportunity to praise and pray, to listen and reflect, is grace to us.

One: Let us worship God!

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **VU# 288** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

O God, by whose power we are continually upheld and sustained, we lift up our hearts to you as the source of all light and love, all knowledge and truth, all goodness and joy.

Help us to lay aside all anxious cares and concerns from our busy world. May we be made ready through this time of worship to serve you with a clearer vision and a stronger faith. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel Reading: John 6: 1-15

Hymn **VU# 341** "Fairest Lord Jesus"

The Lord's Prayer

Good News Time

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, buffeted by the winds of life, we have grown weary and yearn for your hand to hold us. Pour on us your words of peace, and bring us back to life. Forgive us when we are heedless to the needs of others.

Correct our ways when we are self-centred and neglect the poor and powerless. Be our vision when we seek refuge in our wealth and possessions. Draw us to you, Holy One, and lead us into life. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the good news: In Christ, we are united and reconciled with God.

All: We rejoice in the knowledge that we receive forgiveness and abundant life in his name. Amen.

Anthem: Matt Papa and Matt Boswell – “*Almost Home*”

Sermon: What Goes Up...

Hymn **VU# 216** “Sing Praise To God, Who Reigns Above”

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# 686** “God Of Grace And God Of Glory”

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: Selah – “*He Will Hold Me Fast*”