

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

October 4, 2020

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

Love Lifted Me
Carol Griffin, Flute

Arr. Gary Lanier

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Eternal God, you have been our resting place through the ages. Generations come and pass away, but you abide forever. We praise you for your presence among us. You bring us comfort amid our trials, clarity where confusion persists, peace in the midst of conflict, and hope of eternal life. Hear us now as we pay you our tribute, in glad adoration that you are God of our lives. Amen.

Call to Worship

Leader: God's eternal interest and commitment to us is at times hard to fathom.

People: Not only to be predestined, adopted and redeemed, but forgiven as well!

Leader: The lavishness of God's love and the tenacity of God's tenderness are both a mystery and a sacred blessing unto us.

People: May our lives as well as our worship be as a praise to the glory of God's grace, that all the world would see in us the artistry of God's holy hand. Amen.

Hymn Of Praise

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters;
you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings." (*Refrain*)

You swept through the desert;
you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land.
When they were confounded
with idols and lies,

then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes. (*Refrain*)

You call from tomorrow;
you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions;
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise. (*Refrain*)

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord we are a stiff-necked people. If things are not done in our favor, at our timing, for our good pleasure, then it must be wrong. It is out of our fear, impatience, and stubbornness that we make really bad decisions; that not only hurts us but others and most importantly our relationship with you. It is in these moments of clarity that we can see clearly your love and your ultimate plan for us and our journeys through the wilderness. Please be patient with us and give us the assurance of your continued presence, even when we do not deserve it.

Assurance of Pardon

God is forgiving. Even though our actions create great pain, and strain our relationship, God is bigger and more compassionate than we can ever comprehend. God not only forgives but also restores. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Children's Time

The Act of Offering

***Offertory**

Jesus Loves Me Medley
Carol Griffin, Flute

Arr. by Ifen Chuang & Chien-Ming Chen

Prayer of Dedication

The Word of God Proclaimed

Key Scripture

Exodus 32:1-14

Sermon

The Golden Calf

Rev. Joy Laughridge

The Word Proclaimed in Sacrament

Invitation To The Lord's Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Hymn of Commitment

I Come with Joy

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Blessing and Benediction

Benediction

Postlude

Processional in G Major

John Stanley (1713-1786)

The Floral Arrangement in the Chancel this morning is given by Lori and Wayne Rowe to the glory of God and in celebration of Wayne's 82nd birthday and in memory of their son Michael.

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