

# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

April 25, 2021

## Preparation for Worship

Prelude

*More Love to Thee*

Arr. David Paxton

## Welcome & Announcements

### \*Prayer of Invocation

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen

### \*Call to Worship

One: Day by day, God leads us:

**Many: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

One: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**Many: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.**

One: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**Many: the community we could be, the family we are called to become. Let us worship together.**

### Hymn Of Praise

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Brethren, we have met to worship  
and adore the Lord our God.

Will you pray with all your power  
while we try to preach the word?

All is vain unless the Spirit  
of the holy One comes down.

Brethren, pray, and holy manna  
will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us?

Moses' sister aided him.

Will you help the trembling mourners  
who are struggling hard with sin?

Tell them all about the Savior.

Tell them that he will be found.

Sisters, pray, and holy manna  
will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely;  
let us love each other, too.

Let us love and pray for sinners  
till our God makes all things new.

Christ will call us home to heaven;  
at his table we'll sit down.

Christ will gird himself and serve us  
with sweet manna all around.

### **\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we confess the emptiness of our souls which sends us searching for all those things which cannot nourish us. Our restless longing for the goods of the world fill us with every lust and envy. Our belief that still waters are stagnant causes us to thirst for whitewater thrills and adventures. Our trust in the hollow promises of our culture turns us away from the shelter you offer to us.

Forgive us, Goodness Incarnate. Call us back from our wayward lives, so we may find rest in the stillness of your gentle heart; we may find healing from your scarred hands; we may find that life for which we yearn, together in you and through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

This is the good news: God will walk with us in every moment, God will fill us with goodness and mercy, God will bring us home to live forever.

**Anointed with grace and forgiveness, our lives overflow with love for all people. Thanks be to God. Amen**

### **The Children's Time**

## **The Act of Offering**

**Offertory**

*In the Garden*  
LPC Chancel Choir

Arr. Lloyd Larson

### **\*Doxology**

**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.**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

## **The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Key Scripture**

Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24

**Sermon**

*Real Love*

Brian Mitchell

## **Response of God's People**

### **Prayers of the People 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.**

### **Hymn of Commitment**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

## **Blessing and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Arr. Todd Kendall

**The Floral Arrangement** in the Chancel this morning is given by Martha Valent in memory of many loved ones who had April birthdays.

\*Here Is the "Give Now" link for your convenience:

