

# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

October 25, 2020

## Preparation for Worship

Prelude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
LPC Ringers

Arr. Sandra Eithun

## Welcome & Announcements

### Prayer of Invocation

You have brought us, O God, to another Lord's Day, when we are privileged to worship you with our brothers and sisters in Christ. May we have unity of mind and heart as we open ourselves to the movement of your Holy Spirit. As your love grows within us, may we have rich fellowship with you and with one another. In Christ's name. Amen.

### Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus did not come to establish denominations.

**People: He came to bring salvation to all who call upon his holy name.**

Leader: Let us cast aside all that which is petty and irrelevant.

**People: Let us put away childish things that only serve to bring division and duress.**

Leader: The Lord calls us as one. God sees us as one.

**All: We are the "church" together!**

### Hymn of Praise

*God of Great and God of Small*

God of great and God of small,  
God of one and God of all,  
God of weak and God of strong,  
God to whom all things belong,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
praise be to your name.

God of silence, God of sound,  
God by whom the lost are found,  
God of day and darkest night,  
God whose love turns wrong to right,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
praise be to your name.

God of heaven and God of earth,  
God of death and God of birth,  
God of now and days before,  
God who reigns forevermore,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
praise be to your name.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of Wholeness, we have become fragmented. We build up walls and hide ourselves from others. The pain of others is too much to deal with. The struggles of the world are too much to bear. We'd much rather just focus on our own lives, jobs and families. But God,**

you have called us to be your people, a people of the covenant in which you are our God, not only my God. You have called us to be the people of the New Commandment, which is to love one another. We cannot go it alone. We cannot put blinders on and build up our dividers. Guide our hands to reach out across walls, our eyes to see beyond ourselves, so that we might participate in the healing of the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, who came to bring us life that we might have it abundantly, we pray. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Love knows no bounds. Hope knows no bounds. Peace knows no bounds. Faith knows no bounds. There is no place you can go where God is not there. There is nothing you can do that can separate you from God's love. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

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

## **The Act of Offering**

**\*Offertory**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
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### **Prayer of Dedication**

## **The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Scripture**

Ephesians 2:1-22

**Sermon**

*Together We Belong*

Rev. Joy Laughridge

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

**Affirmation of Faith (in unison)**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and brings us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us in the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

### **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

*The Lord is God, the Lord alone!*

The Lord is God, the Lord alone!  
Give honor, thanks, and praise  
to God, the maker of all things  
and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind and might,  
O people, love the Lord your God,  
the source of truth and light.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone!  
Give honor, thanks, and praise  
to God, the maker of all things  
and giver of our days.

## Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

*To God Be the Glory*  
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The flowers in the Chancel today are given by Jeff Arey  
to the glory of God and in memory of his beloved wife Rosanna.

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

