Not Naughty by Nature

September 27th, 2020

**Chimes**

**Greeting**

L: Come, now is the time to worship our God!

**P: Now is the time to give our hearts to the Lord!**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Sharing the Life of the Church**

* Immediately following worship. Zoom Fellowship
* Tonight: Artist’s Choice Benefit Concert feat. Owen
* Sign-Up for the Run for Vets 3-Mile Run
* Youth Zoom Meet-up.

**\*Invitation to Worship**

L: We come to worship and praise our God,  
and to learn more about the wonders of our God.  
**P: How great and wonderful is our Compassionate God.**

L: We come, with ears and hearts open to God,  
ready to discover more of God’s mysteries and miracles.  
**P: How generous and caring is our Unchanging God.**

L: We gather to share together in our common history,  
and to experience the enrichment which that brings us.  
**P: All praise and honor to God for past and present  
blessings, and for God’s merciful love and grace. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn.** Come, Now is the Time to Worship W&S 3176

**\*Opening Prayer**

Gracious Lord, how shall we do your will today? Will it be in acts of praise, in gifts shared, in prayers lifted? Who will you lead us to serve? Help us trust you. Help us listen. Bless this community as we come together in worship. Encourage us, comfort us, unite us,   
make our joy complete. Amen.

**Children’s Moments**

**Special Music**

**Scripture Philippians 2:1-13**

**Response:**

L: The word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Message** Not Naughty by Nature

**Statement of Faith:**

We are the people of God.  
We are a sign of the New World.  
We are the sisters and brothers of Jesus.  
We believe in God. We believe in the goodness of God, the presence of God in human history, and the nearness of God’s love.  
We believe in Christ. We believe that God was and is revealed in human life, that out of human suffering may come rescue and healing, that out of death comes new life.  
We believe in the Eternal Spirit, who moves among God’s people and invited the world into God’s reign. We believe that the world can change, that peace and wholeness can come, that the New World can arrive.  
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**\*Response** Make Me a Servant

**Prayer Time**

* *Sharing Joys and Concerns*
* *Centering Song. Jesus, Name Above All Names TFWS 2071*
* *Pastoral Prayer*
* *Lord’s Prayer:* ***Our Father, which 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

**Offering**

* *Offertory Sentence: As we follow the path of Christ, we give of ourselves that other may live and know God’s grace.*
* *Offertory*
* *Doxology*
* *Offertory Prayer:* *God of abundance, you fill us with good things; you satisfy our thirst; you meet our every need. From your rock, our blessings flow. Accept what we give in return: our hearts, our hands, our gifts, our love. Use them to answer the cries of a world in need. Amen.*

**\*Closing Hymn** How Great is Our God W&S 3003

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**