

PENTECOST 4 / FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY

June 20, 2021

Organ Prelude: Spring

Vivaldi

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

“Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He answered him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You have give the right answer; do this, and you will truly live.’ But wanting to justify himself (and put Jesus on the spot), he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ (Luke 10: 25-29)

We come to church to discover again and again, who it is that is our neighbour, not only the people we choose to be a neighbour to, but those toward whom it is difficult to be a neighbour.

We come to church to learn what it means to love our neighbour.

We come to church to learn what it means to love, to find fresh inspiration, conviction and empowerment to love.

We come to church in search of the fullness to life's meaning that can only come through love.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

Hymn: God is love: come heaven, adoring

No. 314

1. God is Love: come heav'n adoring;
God is Love: come earth, rejoice.
Come creation, voices soaring,
sing exulting with one voice.

God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation,
God is Love, eternal love.

2. God is love; whose arms enfolding
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp are holding
every child of every race,
and when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
all the sorrow, all the aching
wrings with pain the heart of God.

3. God is Love, and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through all earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love: so love forever
o'er the universe must reign.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: "Pleasure it is" (*English Tudor Carol*) & "Now welcome summer" (*traditional Irish Carol*)
Thank you Joanne and Jim Nasmith, Radostina Borisova and Elias Theocharidis for singing

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37

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25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 26 He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' 27 He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' 28 And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' 30 Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said,

“Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.”³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’³⁷ He said, ‘The one who showed him compassion.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’ Amen.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon: LOVE AS COMPASSION Dr. Harris

Special Music: "Carol of Service" words Stuart Wilson to a French Carol

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say **No. 671**

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast!”
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright?”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink and live!”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that lifegiving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived
and now I live in him.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Air from Orchestral Suite in D major J. S. Bach

Thank you to Dr. Harris & Rev Rebecca, our musicians, Bruce Nasmith, Joanne and Jim Nasmith, Radostina Borisova and Elias Theocharidis, and Michael Nettleton for operating the sanctuary camera.