

Order of Worship

June 14, 2020

PRELUDE

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING CHORUS:

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”

*Take, O take me as I am.
Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart,
and live in me.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What shall we return to you, O God, for all your bounty to us?

All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

One: O Lord, I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

All: I will give you thanksgiving and call your name in the presence of all the people.

One: Let us worship God!

HYMN “Morning Has Broken”

Verse 1

**Morning has broken, Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken, Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing Fresh from the Word!**

Verse 2

**Sweet the rain’s new fall, Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall, On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness, Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness, Where God’s feet pass.**

Verse 3

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,
God’s recreation, Of the new day.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Gracious God, you shelter your people amid their distress; you provide them a haven of security and rest. You bring comfort to those with affliction, and hear the pleas of the persecuted. You cause your mercy to flow like living water; your benevolence stretches to the ends of the earth. To you indeed our vows are to be made; you shall hear our confession of faith. So be with us now as we gather and be pleased with the homage we bring.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of all, you call us to be numbered in the few that go about proclaiming the good news of your realm of justice and peace, yet often we are numbered in the many who fail to look at your world with the eyes of compassion. Forgive us.

All: God of compassion, we acknowledge our inability to care about everything. We know we are called to be bearers of good news to all who suffer. We see the forlorn and the lost, but sometimes it is difficult to find the heart to involve ourselves. We can easily be overwhelmed by the immenseness and intensity of need with which we are confronted. So many situations require charity and goodwill. Forgive us.

All: God of community, we admit that there are times that our ministry and service is hollow because it comes from a flawed place. Sometimes, we choose to “go it alone” rather than ask for help or involve our community, for it is the easier way, or we just don’t think. Sometimes, our service is motivated by vanity and pride. Sometimes, our motivation is plain foolishness. Forgive us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

All: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

One: We also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance.

All: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our lord Jesus Christ.

One: Endurance produces character and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us.

All: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our lord Jesus Christ.

One: Because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that been given to us.

All: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL Matthew 9:35-10:8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

SERMON *"No, We Don't Sell Refrigerators Here"* *Rev. Rich Estrem-Fuller*

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

COMMISSION

Go in peace and serve the lord. Amen.

