

Welcome, Check-in, & Announcements

Prelude Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Responsive Reading

Servant: The Spirit of God calls to us, **People: With sighs too deep for words.**Servant: The Spirit of God calls to us,

People: Claiming us,

Servant: Summoning us to become more than we now are.

People: Call us by name: God's children.

Song Whatever Thing

Whatever thing that I have carried in this place; That will keep me from you I will lay it at your feet. Whatever burden I have carried for so long, that will keep me from seeing you; I will lay it down right now

I need to hear you speak to me And I want to feel you in this place You long to take me in your arms of love So take me in your arms of love

All of the things that are cluttering my mind; I will push them far from here And listen for your voice. All of the pain that I am carrying inside I will hand it to you; You will take it, set me free, I will fly

I need to hear you speak to me And I want to feel you in this place You long to take me in your arms of love So take me in your arms of love

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Hymn Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ we bring; Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen! let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! Christ is our guide and friend on whom we can depend: his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen! life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

Invocation

Spirit of holiness and life, be within our community as we worship this morning. Search within each of us for the sighs too deep for words and make them articulate so that we may share our hopes and fears and bring out of our silence life-changing prayers for ourselves and, in intercession, for all precious, groaning creation. Amen

The Written Word Psalm 78: 23–29 The Message

But God helped them anyway, commanded the clouds and gave orders that opened the gates of heaven. God rained down showers of manna to eat and gave them the Bread of Heaven. They ate the bread of the mighty angels; God then sent them all the food they could eat. God let East Wind break loose from the skies, gave a strong push to South Wind. This time it was birds that rained down–succulent birds, an abundance of birds. God aimed them right for the center of their camp; all round their tents there were birds. They ate and had their fill; God handed them everything they craved on a platter.

Stewardship Moment

Special Music Meggin Turk

COMING TO THE TABLE

Invitation

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The Written Word Psalm 51: 1–12 NRSV

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being: therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Choral Confession

Create in Me, a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful God, in your presence we must face the sinfulness of our nature and the errors of our ways, intended and accidental. You alone know how often we have failed by wandering from your paths, wasting your gifts, and underestimating your love. Have mercy upon us, O God, for we have broken your requirements for justice and overlooked opportunities for kindness. Humble us with your truth and raise us by your grace that we may more nearly be the people of Christ and the witnesses of your Spirit. Amen.

Communion

Bread + Cup

Assurance of Pardon

There is no chasm that cannot be bridged... no loss that cannot be recovered... no mistake that cannot be forgiven... no life that cannot be redeemed - by the grace of God in Christ Jesus.

You are forgiven and the ability to begin again is yours.

From the Holy One who makes all things new! Alleluia!

Amen.

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Song Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names; beautiful Savior, glorious Lord, Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word. (repeat)

ENTERING GOD'S STORY

The Written Word Ephesians 4: 1–16 NRSV

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Spoken Word

Growing Up & Into Christlikeness

Rev. Mark Rambo

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Video

Prayers of the People

Hymn

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

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Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us; by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

Weekly Challenge

Postlude

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Benediction

Walk Humbly • Love Completely • Live Differently