

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 11, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to Mark Sundman on April 14th

Happy Birthday to Norma Sundman on April 18th

New church directories are available and are on the back table. Please take one following today's service.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: The tomb could not hold him.

People: The grave is empty. Christ is risen!

Leader: Humanity's sin could not condemn him.

People: He shattered sin's power over us. Christ is risen!

Leader: Death could not contain him.

People: He conquered death for all eternity. Christ is risen!

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, risen indeed!

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

HYMN #118

"Lord of the Dance"

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

REFRAIN: Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came with me and the Dance went on.

REFRAIN

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high; and they left me there on a cross to die.

REFRAIN

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the Dance and I still go on.

REFRAIN

They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

REFRAIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PUBLIC PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we are a people that measure truth by proof and evidence, by the testimony of witnesses and the testing of our knowledge. In Jesus Christ, you give us evidence of your supreme love for us, yet we still refuse to accept it. We ignore your still, small voice. We dismiss your actions in our lives as coincidence. We take credit for our

blessings rather than receiving them as being from your hand. Scripture is a faithful witness to your grace, yet we fail to avail ourselves of its wisdom. We demand signs of your presence yet are so distracted by the pace of our lives that we never notice that you have, indeed, answered our prayers. Lord we pray, in these moments of silent reflection, knowing that your mercy is as boundless as your love.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Leader: Hear their words and know their truth: God know us for who we are but still never gives up on us. Friends, hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: In Jesus Christ, we truly are forgiven. Thanks be to God!! Hallelujah!! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND READING: John 20:19-31

SERMON “ “Hands on Worship” Carl DelleFave, Jr., CLP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

We believe in God Incarnate, in God "with us," in God who was born to be one of us and that we are called to belong to Jesus.

We believe in the God who took on flesh, who loved and laughed, and wept and prayed.

We believe in the man who was fully human and fully divine.

We believe in the Savior who sacrificed and suffered, who paid the ultimate price for love.

We believe in the Holy One who triumphed over sin and death and who reigns eternally with God.

We believe we are called to reign with him, beginning now, today, in our lives and that we are called to belong to Jesus.

All this we believe

HYMN #296 “*Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*”

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;

Light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours, victory is ours, victory is through him who loved us

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (sins)

CLOSING HYMN #302 “He Lives”

I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever some may say;

I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him he’s always near.

In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;

I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast, the day of his appearing will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!

The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find, none other is so loving, so good and kind.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION