

Order of Worship
May 3rd, 2020

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements Passing of the Peace

A Time of Preparation

Call to Worship

Leader: Worship is a gift from God.

People: **In worship, we are invited to come into the presence of God to be met by God's grace and encircled by God's love.**

Leader: Worship is a promise.

People: **In worship, we see the vision of the day yet to come, the hope of what is yet to be. In this present hour we wait for the coming kingdom.**

Leader: Worship is demand.

People: **In worship, God demands from our best.**

All: **With gratitude and joy, promise and hope, commitment and dedication, let us worship the Lord our God.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory

**1. God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**2.Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**3.Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**4.Set our feet on lofty places,
Gird our lives that they may be,
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
In the fight to set men free.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not man nor Thee,
That we fail not man nor Thee.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have done, help us amend who we are, and direct us to what we should be, that we may delight in your will, walk in your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, It is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Anthem "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Scripture " John 20:19-29"

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Sermon "The Beatitude of Belief"

Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!**

**2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
you will find a solace there.**

Offering

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn "He Leadeth Me"

**1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

Refrain:

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.**

**2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

Refrain

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.**

**3. And when my task on earth is done,
when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.**

Refrain

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.**

Benediction

Benediction Response:

**Make us one, Lord, make us one, Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow, so the world will know, We are one in you.**

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