

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 29, 2020

11:00AM - SANCTUARY



## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME AND INVITATION

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Prelude in G Minor*

J. S. Bach

*During the Opening Voluntary, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection.*

*Father, we pray today in Jesus' name that You would send forth Your light and Your truth. Let them guide us; let them bring us to Your holy mountain to the place where You dwell. Then we will go to the altar of God, to God our joy and our delight.*

(Psalm 43:3-4)

### INTROIT

*Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

John Wesley / FESTAL SONG

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus says, "I am the root and the descendant of David,  
the bright morning star."

Jesus testifies and says, "Surely I am coming soon."

The spirit and the bride say "Come."

All **And let everyone who hears, say "Come."**

One: And let everyone who is thirsty, "Come."

All **Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.**

**Amen, Come, Lord Jesus!**

(Revelation 22:16-21)

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, you have cared for us from the beginning of creation.

You ask us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. But we do not.

We do not treat everyone fairly.

We do not advocate for the downtrodden.

We do not welcome the poor and oppressed.

We do not speak up when others are demeaned.

We do not share your amazing love with all.

Make us brave enough to care for others as you have cared for us.

(Micah 6:8)

## SILENT CONFESSION

## KYRIE

HYMN 551

LAND OF REST

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Lord, we have confessed our sins before you.  
Thank you that in your grace and mercy you have forgiven us.  
Thank you that you have returned us to the paths of righteousness.  
Thank you that you have fully satisfied our every need according to your riches in glory.

**All: To our God and Father be glory forever and ever.** (Philippians 4:18-20)

## RESPONSE

HYMN 799, VERSE 1

I LOVE THE LORD

*I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.  
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.*

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: God's words tell us to enter his gates with praise;  
praise the Lord in prayers for peace. The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

### SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Taize community

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace,  
You alone O Lord are Holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 2:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

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Romans 12:1-5

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## SERMON

*Growing Toward God in Worship:  
The Offerings and Prayer*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
    who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
    suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
    from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
    the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
    the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

*Precious Lord*

Thomas A. Dorsey

### † DOXOLOGY

#### HYMN 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

### † PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

God of compassion,  
    we praise you that you look upon our frail lives with love and understanding  
    and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ.  
We are overwhelmed by your love  
    which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life.  
By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service.  
Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes,  
    in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord who taught us to pray...

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.

(The Lord's Prayer)

# BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

† HYMN 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
(words below; hymn printed on last page)

BEECHER

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 306, VERSE 1

DENNIS

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Built on the Rock*

arr. Gordon Young

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.; Rev. Joanne R. Hull; Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Erica Pauly, Guest Organist

Quartet: Valerie MacPhail, Lisa Cunningham, Rafe Andrews, Paul MacPhail

### *The Lenten Greens in the Sanctuary*

*are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. C. Bertram Barre and Mrs. Sallie Barre James  
by Mr. and Mrs. H. Walter Barre, Dr. and Mrs. William A. James, Jr.  
and Mr. and Mrs. Bert D. Barre.*

# Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;  
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;  
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:  
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:  
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;  
 take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, 'til in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 'til we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.