

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY MAY 3, 2020 11:00am

#### 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

Sonata in A II. Andante III. Allegro G. P. Telemann

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

Living God,
through Jesus Christ you emptied the power of death
and gave me the gift of life in fullness.
Now fill me with the breath of your Spirit
to tell the good news of the gospel:
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
Amen.

INTROIT Give Praise to the Lord Laudate Dominum

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us bow before the holy One.

All: Come, let us confess God's might.

One: Come, let us feel God's mercy.

All: Come, let us live in God's light.

One: As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.

All: Glory to you, gracious and loving God!

### Come, Christians, Join to Sing (words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: 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! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; 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!

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of patience, your people grow weary. We complain and question. We put you to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no. When we wander off your path, when we fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things; gently call us back to you. Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust. As you poured out your very self through your beloved Son, pour your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with your love.

SILENT CONFESSION

#### Assurance of Pardon

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

#### RESPONSE

HYMN 581 GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

#### Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Be Still, My Soul Finlandia

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:5-8

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 6:5-11

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Soul Cell Dr. Thomas E. Evans

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY Show Me Thy Ways Walter Pelz

DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God for all the Lord has done.
Praise Him, for He has overcome.
The grave is beaten. Love has won.
Praise God, the Spirit, Christ the Son. Amen.

#### Invitation to the Lord's Table

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up, lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

#### SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION MUSIC

Aria for Flute and Oboe

Scott Robbins

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

HYMN 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised (words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

Angel's Story

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near: I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. Thomas E. Evans Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr. Rev. Joanne R. Hull Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Holt Andrews, Director Marcia Andrews, Organist

Additional Musicians:

Chris Vaneman, flute; Kelly Vaneman, oboe

Valerie MacPhail Lisa Cunningham Reel Robertson Paul MacPhail

#### **Today's Memorial**:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Andrew McKee, Sr. and Ms. Betty McKee Baker by the Paul Andrew McKee, Jr. family.

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