

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY MAY 17, 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

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

J. S. Bach

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

Bless me, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that I may be at peace and may worship you with all my mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

INTROIT Come and Fill our Hearts Taize Community

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O people, praise our God -

the Artist of creation, the Lord of heaven and earth.

All: We worship our Maker with resounding praise!

One: In God we live and move and have our being;

it is the Lord who gives us life and breath.

All: God has kept us among the living

and not let our feet slip.

One: God formed all people to seek the Lord;

indeed, our Creator is never far away.

All: Bless the Lord, who is faithful to us!

One: Let us worship the Lord our God!

Crown Him with Many Crowns (words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

> *Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;* creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments," you said. And in the same breath. you promised an Advocate would come to us. You, Lord, were faithful to your promise. But we - we have broken your law of love. We have hoarded resources rather than feeding your sheep. We have stoked competition rather than kneeling at others' feet.

We have kept silent rather than testifying to our belief. For not showing our love for you by loving one another, forgive us.

Help us obey your commandments and keep us ever faithful to your Word by the power of your Spirit, who abides with and among us.

SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

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

All: Thanks be to God! 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 Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-21

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Those Eyes Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Unison)

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

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: YOUTH

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

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.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 300

We Are One in the Spirit (words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

They'll Know We Are Christians

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;

we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

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:

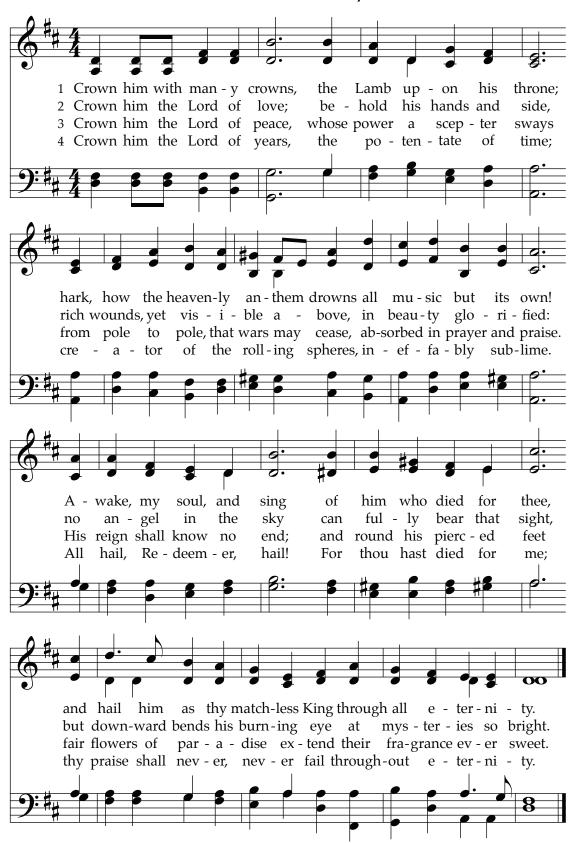
<u>Virtual Choir</u> Singers from the Chancel Choir Chamber Singers Genesis Choir

Quartet
Janet Kuntz
Lisa Cunningham
Reel Robertson
Noah Deal

Today's Memorial:

In loving memory of Joe Griffin and our loved ones by June Griffin.

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



- 1 We are one in the Spir-it; we are one in the Lord;
- 2 We will walk with each oth er; we will walk hand in hand;
- 3 We will work with each oth er; we will work side by side
- 4 All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



the Spir - it; one in one in the Lord, we are we are with each oth - er; will walk we will walk hand in hand, will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side, and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored: and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land: and we'll guard hu-man dig - ni - ty and save hu-man pride: and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.