

Sunday Worship

September 20, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Thy Word* Grant & Smith

The Call to Worship Psalm 145:1-7

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. Let us worship together. Amen!

The Hymn of Praise *Morning Has Broken* 469

The Call to Confession Psalm 145:8

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Trusting in God's mercy, let us now confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

The Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. Now hear us as come to you in the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (Silence). In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Jesus Christ came not for the righteous, but to save sinners. Therefore, we can believe the good news that we are in fact forgiven and even now made new creations in Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen!

The Response *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

***Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.***

The Special Music *In Christ Alone* Getty & Townend

The Word of God

The Time with the Children Peggy Knutson

The Old Testament Reading Exodus 16:2-15

The Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16

The Sermon "Fairness and God's Generosity" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen!

The Hymn *Sanctuary* CCLI #11070933

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; 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 Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Air on the G String* Bach

The Prayer of Dedication

The Hymn *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* 372

The Charge and Benediction

The Congregational Response *God Be With You till We Meet Again*

**God be with you till we again; By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

The Postlude *Jesu, Jesu* Colvin

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Morning Has Broken

Unison

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing,
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en,
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

Black-bird has spo - ken Like the first bird.
 Like the first dew - fall On the first grass.
 Born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
 Sprung in com - plete - ness Where His feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN Irregular

African-American spiritual

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1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In - a my heart, in - a my heart,
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In - a my heart, in - a my heart,
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In - a my heart, in - a my heart,
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In - a my heart, in - a my heart,

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Exodus 16:2-15

² There in the desert they all complained to Moses and Aaron ³ and said to them, "We wish that the LORD had killed us in Egypt. There we could at least sit down and eat meat and as much other food as we wanted. But you have brought us out into this desert to starve us all to death."

⁴ The LORD said to Moses, "Now I am going to cause food to rain down from the sky for all of you. The people must go out every day and gather enough for that day. In this way I can test them to find out if they will follow my instructions. ⁵ On the sixth day they are to bring in twice as much as usual and prepare it."

⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "This evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt. ⁷ In the morning you will see the dazzling light of the LORD's presence. He has heard your complaints against him—yes, against him, because we are only carrying out his instructions." ⁸ Then Moses said, "It is the LORD who will give you meat to eat in the evening and as much bread as you want in the morning, because he has heard how much you have complained against him. When you complain against us, you are really complaining against the LORD."

⁹ Moses said to Aaron, "Tell the whole community to come and stand before the LORD, because he has heard their complaints." ¹⁰ As Aaron spoke to the whole community, they turned toward the desert, and suddenly the dazzling light of the LORD appeared in a cloud. ¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them that at twilight they will have meat to eat, and in the morning they will have all the bread they want. Then they will know that I, the LORD, am their God."

¹³ In the evening a large flock of quails flew in, enough to cover the camp, and in the morning there was dew all around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew evaporated, there was something thin and flaky on the surface of the desert. It was as delicate as frost. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they didn't know what it was and asked each other, "What is it?"

Moses said to them, "This is the food that the LORD has given you to eat."