

For Prayer & Contemplation

Heaven have mercy on us all—Presbyterians and Pagans alike—for we are all somehow dreadfully cracked about the head, and sadly need mending. - Herman Melville, *Moby Dick*

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" - arr. Biery

Call to Worship (1st John 4: 7-12)

One: Beloved, let us love one another,

All: because love is from God;

One: everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

All: Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

One: God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

All: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

One: No one has ever seen God;

All: If we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

*Hymn No. 99 "My Soul Gives Glory to My God"

Prayer of Confession

One: Merciful God, you restore all that is broken. When we have hurt others,

All: Forgive us. Heal their wounds and ours

One: When we have ignored your commandments,

All: Forgive us. Remind us that your ways are best.

One: When we have closed our hearts and minds to you,

All: Forgive us. Awaken us to your love. Hold us close Lord, and give us faithful hearts to love, give, and serve that through your grace we might be whole, through your wisdom we might find truth, and through your love we might find life.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: Jesus knows our every weakness and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Hymn No. 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

"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 Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Anthem "Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love" - MacDonald
Sanctuary Choir

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

1st Reading: *Romans: 4: 13-25*
New Testament pg. 155, LP pg. 188

2nd Reading: *John 3: 1-17*
New Testament pgs. 93-94, LP pg. 114

Sermon "Double Meanings" – Rev. Drew Harrison

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606 "Praise God...All Blessings Flow"

"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."

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Thank you, Lord. We do not deserve all that you have given us. Accept what we offer, knowing that it represents our whole selves, which we give to you in thanks. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing...therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Prayers of the People

Jane Sheridan, Maureen St. John, Roxanne Somers, Terri D'Onofrio, The Family of Mike Savage, Terry Savage, The Family of Beryl Kane, Harry, Guy Williams, Peggy Price, Darlene Powell, Julia Fisher, The Family of David Knoebel, Marcia Langlois, Meg Yanefski, Joe Bradley, Rev. Paul Grenier, Ryan McCleery, The Family of Susan Hans, Ellorah Maeva, Erin Fitzpatrick, The Family of John Clayton, Caroline, David

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Lord, thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and cup of salvation. Send us out to tell everyone about your grace and love. Amen.

Ordination and Installation

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Ordination

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants
whom you called through baptism as your own
and marked as your own.
Grant them the same mind
that was in Christ Jesus.
Give them a spirit of truthfulness
that they may show the compassion of Christ
in the actions of daily living
and rightly govern your people.

Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit
to build up the church,
to strengthen the common life of your people,
and to lead with compassion and vision.

In the walk of faith
and for the work of ministry,
give to your servants
gladness and strength,
discipline and hope,
humility, humor, and courage,
and an abiding sense of your presence. Amen

*Hymn No. 791 "For You, My God, I Wait"

*Benediction

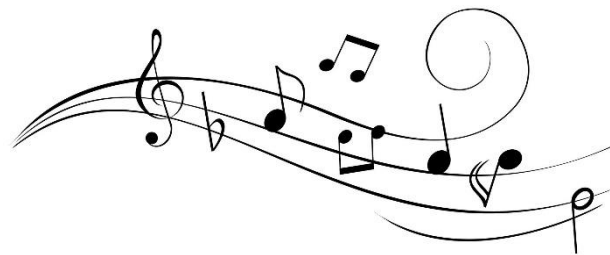
*Benediction Hymn No. 205 "Live In Charity"

"Live in charity and steadfast love.

Live in charity; God will dwell with you."

Postlude "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" - arr. Nixon

***** *Please stand as you are able.* *****



Music Notes:

Today's prelude is Marilyn Biery's 2014 arrangement of the hymn tune "Good Soil," originally written by Handt Hanson in 1985. The anthem is by British composer Sarah MacDonald, based on her hymn tune "Nelson." The postlude is June Nixon's 1998 setting of the tune "Lyngham," penned by Thoman Jarman sometime around 1803 and used as an alternate melody for the text "O For a Thousand Tongues." June Nixon is one of Australia's best known organists and composers. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



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