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Virtual Worship Order of Service
Sunday, May 17, 2020/11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Prelude Welcome Prayer Call to Worship Opening Hymn Call to Confession **Prayer of Confession** Assurance of Pardon Affirmation of Faith Passing the Peace Prayer for Illumination Scripture Sermon Invitation to Discipleship Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer The Doxology



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Unison Call to Worship (Psalm 34: 1-10)

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. This poor person cried, and the Lord heard, and saved me out of all my troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps round about them that fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the person that trust in the Almighty. O fear the Lord, you his saints: for there is no want to them that fear God. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

- 1. Come, thou Almighty King help us thy name to sing, Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
- 2. Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, scatter thy foes. Let thine almighty aid our sure defense be made, our souls on thee be stayed; thy wonders show.
- 3. Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.
- 4. To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Call to Confession

Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we acknowledge you as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Please forgive our sins and deliver us from evil. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Affirmation of Faith -The Apostle's creed (Traditional)

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 sits 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 Church¹; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Passing the Peace

The peace of God be with you!

And also, with you.

The Doxology

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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Dear God, please help us receive your word for our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

¹ The universal- the entire church, not a denomination

Scriptures

Ecclesiastes 12: 8-12 - Everything is meaningless," says the Teacher, "completely meaningless." Keep this in mind: The Teacher was considered wise, and he taught the people everything he knew. He listened carefully to many proverbs, studying and classifying them. The Teacher sought to find just the right words to express truths clearly. The words of the wise are like cattle prods—painful but helpful. Their collected sayings are like a nail-studded stick with which a shepherd drives the sheep. But, my child, let me give you some further advice: Be careful, for writing books is endless, and much study wears you out. That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey God's commands, for this is everyone's duty. God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.

Matthew 24: 32-33;36-39, and 42 Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its branches become tender and sprout leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you will know that He is near, right at the door "When Jesus returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day. In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat. People didn't realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when Jesus returns. "So, you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming.

Hymn of Response

Just A Closer Walk with Thee

1. I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee. [Refrain]

Refrain: Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

- 2. Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. [Refrain]
- 3. When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more; Guide me gently, safely o'er To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. [Refrain]

Invitation to Discipleship

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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.**

Closing Hymn

1 All ye saints of light proclaim, Jesus, the light of the world; Life and mercy in His name, Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain: We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, Come where the dew-drops of mercy are bright; Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

2 Hear the Savior's earnest call, Jesus, the light of the world; Send the Gospel truth to all, Jesus, the light of the world. [Refrain]

3 Why not seek Him then today, Jesus, the light of the world; Go with truth the narrow way, Jesus, the light of the world. [Refrain]

4 Come, confess Him as your king, Jesus, the light of the world; Then the bells of Heav'n will ring, Jesus, the light of the world. [Refrain]

Benediction

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. Amen.

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