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 Virtual Worship Order of Service/May 10, 2020  
 11:00 A.M.– 12:00 P.M

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*The steadfast love of the Lord*

*never ceases; his mercies never*  
 come to an end; they are new  
 every morning; great is your  
 [the Lord's] **faithfulness.**  
 - Lamentations 3:22-23

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## **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16)

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

## **OPENING HYMN # 260**

## *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same; and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.
4. 4 That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever!

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

## **THE RESPONSE**

Thanks be to God!

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SCRIPTURE**

Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother and her sister, as well as Mary the wife of Clopas and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then He said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” So from that hour, this disciple took her into his home. After this, knowing that everything had now been accomplished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of sour wine was sitting there. So they soaked a sponge in the wine, put it on a stalk of hyssop, and lifted it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished.” And bowing His head, He yielded up His spirit.

## **HYMN OF PREPARATION -**

*Near the Cross*

- 1 Jesus, keep me near the cross, There a precious fountain; Free to all, a healing stream, Flows from Calv'ry's mountain. [Refrain]
- 2 Near the cross, a trembling soul, Love and mercy found me; There the Bright and Morning Star Shed His beams around me. [Refrain]
- 3 Near the cross! O lamb of God, Bring its scenes before me; Help me walk from day to day With its shadow o'er me. [Refrain]
- 4 Near the cross! I'll watch and wait, Hoping, trusting ever; Till I reach the golden strand, Just beyond the river. [Refrain]

## **Refrain:**

**In the cross, in the cross Be my glory ever, Till my ransomed soul shall find Rest beyond the river.**

## **SERMON**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- (Nicene Creed)**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light

from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**CLOSING HYMN** #540 (PH) *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

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

#### **Refrain**

**Till we meet, till we meet,**

**Till we meet at Jesus' feet;**

**Till we meet, till we meet,**

**God be with you till we meet again.**

2 God be with you till we meet again, 'Neath His wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still divide you, God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

3 God be with you till we meet again, When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put His arms unfailing round you, God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

4 God be with you till we meet again, Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you, God be with you till we meet again.

[Refrain] <sup>1</sup>

### **BENEDICTION**

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord: Lillenas Publishing Co., Kansas City, MO, 1993



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