

"The one who loves another has fulfilled the law."
- Romans 13:8b



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September 6, 2020 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:

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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: We gather, asking God to teach us:

Many: so we may learn to be more compassionate,
so we may be taught how to be more loving.

One: We gather, asking Jesus to teach us

Many: the wisdom to choose forgiveness over holding a grudge,
the language of hope so we may speak to all.

One: We gather, asking the Spirit to impart wisdom,
Many: so we might know how to share grace,
so we would learn to welcome all.

Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God"
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. (2x)
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness: All you ask of us is to love one another, God of our lives, and you are more than willing to teach us how. Yet we find this simple request so hard to carry out, this easy lesson so difficult to learn. Someone cuts us off in traffic, and we curse them. Another buys something we want but cannot afford, and we overflow with jealousy. A friend gets the acclaim we wanted, and we whisper about them behind their backs. Forgive us, Merciful God, and unclasp our hands from our grudges. With Christ in our midst, we can become the people your dream about: loving, merciful, gentle, and compassionate children of God.

Let us confess our individual sins in silence. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response

"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 the Peace

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: and also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Scripture

Psalms 149:1-5: Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.
Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.

Matthew 18:15-20: 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.
2 Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

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. eternal.

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Response of Praise

"Doxology"

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.

Prayer of Dedication

May our gifts go forth into our world, so that where people hunger, they may be fed; where there is war, peace might be welcomed; where families are broken, they may be made whole. Then others will be as blessed as we have been by your love, grace, and compassion. In Jesus' name, we offer our gifts and this prayer of gratitude. Amen.

Prayers of the People 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.

Hymn

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

1We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; (2x)
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

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

2We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand; (2x)
And together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land. (Chorus)

3We will work with each other,
we will work side by side; (2x)
And we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride. (Chorus)

4All praise our Creator from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, the saving Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (Chorus)

Charge and Benediction

Liturgy from Thom M. Shuman: lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com