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whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”
- Philippians 4:8



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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 come because we want to know God,
who seeks to shape us as faithful people.

**Many: Not that we already are,
but we strive to be the community of grace.**

One: We come because we want to know Jesus,
who would plant justice deep in our hearts.

**Many: Not that we always do,
but we seek to welcome each person.**

One: We come because we want to know the Spirit,
who shines hope on all people.

**Many: Not that we always are able, but we seek to share the light of peace
in our world.**

Hymn *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies, for the love
which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale,
and tree and flower,

sun and moon, and stars of light: Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic
harmony

linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth,
and friends above,

for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

5 For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; for that great,
great love of thine,

peace on earth and joy in heaven: Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness:

If we were to name all the gods we have before you, Rock of Redemption,
we would be here a very long time. We elevate politicians into saviors,
though they are as broken as we are. We misuse your name so much
during the day, we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night.

Forgive us, God our Hope. Help us to let go of what we value most, so we may open our emptiness, our hearts, our lives to the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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

Exodus 32:1-14: When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' 2Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' 3So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. 4He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' 5When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' 6They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

7 The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; 8they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ' 9The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. 10Now let me alone, so that my wrath

may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

11 But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. 13Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever."' 14And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Philippians 4:1-9: 1Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Kathleen Henrion

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.

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.

Offering Checks may be mailed to the church

Response of Praise "Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication: We can hoard the gifts with which you bless us, God of generosity, or we can share them with others. May what we offer in these moments be the very blessing, the very hope, the very peace others need. This we pray in the name of Jesus. 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 *"May the Lord, Mighty God"*

 May the Lord, mighty God,
 bless and keep you forever;
 grant you peace, perfect peace,
 courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face,
 full of grace forever;
 may the Lord, mighty God,
 bless and keep you forever.

Charge and Benediction

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