

WORSHIP SERVICE
July 12, 2020
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

Christ be with you.

And also with you!

* Call to Worship (based on Matthew 5:14-16)

We are called to bring hope in God: that God gives us new and abundant life.

We are the light of the world.

So let your light shine before others

That they may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Will for Our Lives (Romans 12:16-21, NLT)

Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.

Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord.

Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads."

Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Caring God, you call us to be the body of Christ. We should live in community, caring for one another.

Instead of working to sustain community, we follow our own desires. Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can do it alone. Forgive our neglect of others.

Give us obedient spirits that we may care for one another. Make us children of quietness and heirs of peace;

Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our weakness by your power.

Teach us to embody your grace, love and mercy to all those we encounter. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is with us, offering words of forgiveness, protecting us from danger.

We are a forgiven people, bound together in God's love. We are the body of Christ, forgiven and free.

Thanks be to God!

Song of Response: "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

Lift Up Your Hearts #689

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. Make our love, O God more faithful, let us take you at your word and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 18:19: "A brother wronged is more unyielding than a fortified city; disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel."

Luke 17:1-5: Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. ²It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³So watch yourselves. “If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. ⁴Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

Message: “The Bait of Offense”

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* Song of Response: “Mighty To Save”

Ev’ryone needs compassion
Love that’s never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev’ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

CHORUS: Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Lift Up Your Hearts #611

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev’rything I believe in
Now I surrender (CHORUS)
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We’re singing, For the glory of the risen King
Jesus, Shine your light and
let the whole world see, We’re singing
For the glory of the risen King (CHORUS)

Congregational Prayer

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

Lift Up Your Hearts #256

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that al unity may one day be restored.
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
and we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride. And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by
our love. Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us all one.

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

* Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

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