

SUNDAY WORSHIP JANUARY 17, 2021 9 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

One: May the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with each

and everyone of you.

People: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: In the shadowy alleys and forgotten byways of the world

All: God is searching

One: In the broken and desolate places

All: God continues to show up

One: Where we are lost and alone, feeling forgotten and unloved, unwanted

All: God is pursuing us with radical, amazing love that will change everything! May we have the

courage to open our hearts and let it all in.

HYMN: "Gather Us In" Glory to God #401

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: My friends, not out of dread or fear, but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we no longer need to carry.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious and Holy God, pain, anger, loss, grief, all of these hard emotions, they narrow our vision, as if we had pressed our faces so close to a single pane of a stained glass window that we couldn't see the whole image, all we can see is that one, narrow pane. Help us to step back from the things that hurt, that obscure our view of the wholeness and beauty of the world. Help us to be compassionate and kind to ourselves and others when we struggle to see the larger picture, that you are with us, loving us, caring for us, providing for us, even when life hurts and we feel lost, especially then. Forgive us our narrow view and our tendency to turn in on ourselves and give us hope.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God knows what is on your heart. God does not condemn you, do not condemn yourself. You are

wholly forgiven and loved.

People: In Jesus Christ we are restored!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE "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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

As we share the peace with one another, please feel free to toot your car horn, wave, throw an air kiss or a long distance hug, text a friend, let people know they are loved!

Leader: Having been assured of God's forgiveness and peace, let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1: 43-51

SERMON "Found"

Rev. Cynthia Wunder

*HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This?" #314

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Brief Statement of Faith

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Prayers of the People

Our Father, which 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, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

OFFERING OF OUR GIFT AND TALENTS

RESPONSEDoxology" (traditional)

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 THANKSGIVING

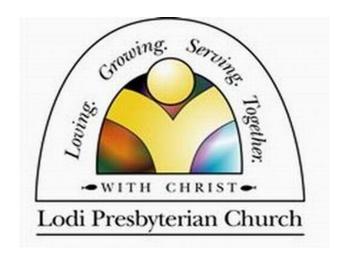
Gracious and Holy God, give us the grace to abide in deepest gratitude, knowing that you have supplied us with all we need, and give us courage to venture forth with our whole heart and soul, that others might see how well you love us and come to know you. Amen

Sending Hymn: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" #429

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

FAREWELL

POSTLUDE



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