



June 20, 2021

ORDER of WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

* Call to Worship

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: This is a day of new beginnings!

P: This is a time for loving, growing, and serving.

L: Come, let us worship God.

* Opening Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me (v.1,4)

VERSE 1:

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?" VERSE 4:

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,

through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you know the ways of humanity. We let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. Our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of anger and confusion. And we turn away from you, sure that you can do nothing to alleviate our strife. Forgive us. Help us to learn that you are actively involved in our lives, creatively seeking healing and hope for us and the world you so love. By your Spirit, mold us into disciples of peace and compassion through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

Assurance of Pardon

...Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Response For the Beauty of the Earth
For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

- It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
- ² to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,
- ³ to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
- ⁴ For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

- 12 The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.
- In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,
- showing that the Lord is upright;he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Children's Message

Second Reading Mark 4:26-32

²⁶ He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

Sermon "What's In Your Garden?"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith (from *The Confession of Belhar*)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offerings

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

* Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

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.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* Closing Hymn *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord* (v.1,2)

VERSE 1:

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.

Praise, I will praise you, Lord,

with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy.

Alleluia!

VERSE 2:

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy.

Alleluia!

* Benediction

Postlude

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As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.

We are the church whether we are gathered or scattered.

We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,
to be Christ's body in the world.

*Stand in body or spirit. **Bold - Everything is said in unison.**

PRAYER LIST

Sue Murr, mission co-partner and sister of Becky Moody, as she continues a difficult transition back to her work and ministry in Uganda.

The family and friends of Moussa Fofana, a high school student from Maplewood who died recently as a result of a gun shooting, and for another student who was wounded and recovering in the hospital.

Kathleen, continuing her recovery from a recent illness.

Eric, neighbor of Melissa Dewhurst, recovering in rehabilitation after receiving six surgeries in six days.

Chuck Ellis, receiving physical therapy for a broken hip.

Anne Matlack, receiving chemotherapy for lymphoma.

The people of India, including work colleagues and their families, suffering from COVID.

Mary Wussow, a breast cancer survivor and friend of Mary-Anna Holden, recovering from a hysterectomy.

Isabella, a young girl receiving chemotherapy, and for her family.

Nick and his family as he receives treatment for bladder cancer.

A neighbor seriously ill.

Arlene, dear friend of Louise Kacerek, who is living with leukemia.

Johnny, a 12 year-old boy on Brody Fleming's football team, receiving intensive chemotherapy treatments for a rare form of cancer.

Carol, and her family, cousin of Kathleen Underwood, as she continues treatment for stage 4 brain cancer.

Rev. Dr. Ed Halldorson, for his continuing recovery following a successful bone marrow transplant.

Members who will be moving in the coming weeks and months to new homes away from Madison.

The families of crime victims, as they deal with court procedures made more difficult by the pandemic.

All those dealing with the ongoing and ever increasing hatred, prejudice and racism in this country and around the world.

Peace for the peoples of Gaza and Israel.

THANKSGIVING FOR:

Continuing signs of recovery and reentry, increasing hope for us all.

All those students graduating this year.

VISION

To see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

Renewed Lives | Community Positive | Intergenerational Family Joyful Service | Presbyterian Roots

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10:15AM Sunday Service

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