



The Celebration of Worship

May 10, 2020 5th Sunday in Easter

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Veronica Gould

Welcome

Please join in lighting a candle at home.

Introit

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Call to Worship (adapted from Acts 7)

Leader: The Most High does not live in houses made by human hands.

People: God is the Lord of heaven and earth!

Leader: As the prophet Isaiah says: “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool.”

People: God is the Lord of heaven and earth!

Leader: What kind of house could we build for the Lord, whose hands have made everything in Creation?

People: God is the Lord of heaven and earth!

All: Holy Spirit, come, dwell with us, abide in us, as we praise Your most holy name.

Gathering Hymn

“God is Here”

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of God’s Grace

All: Gracious God, our sin is too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Leader: Hear the promise of God from the Book of Acts. “God has raised Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

All: Thanks be to God.

Response to God’s Forgiveness

Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Discovery Table

Rola Al Ashkar

Hymn of Grace

“Without Seeing You” (sing twice)

Without seeing You, we love You.

Without touching You, we embrace.

Without knowing You, we follow.

Without seeing You, we believe.

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2: 4-10

As you come to him the living Stone – – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him-- you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says, “See I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now, to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall”. They stumble because they

disobey the message – –which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession That you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Second Scripture Reading

John 14:1-7

[Jesus said,] “Do not let your hearts be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.”

Sermon

Veronica Gould

“You Know the Way”

Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

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Opportunity To Present Offerings & Doxology

Please enter any prayer requests, joys or concerns, in the comments of the Facebook Live video so we can include you in our prayers.

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

The Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Response: “Shalom”

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)