



The Celebration of Worship

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Special Video

Thanks to the contributors and to Jonathan Sakakibara for the video.

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

Leader: The LORD is exalted in power. Who is a teacher like God?

People: Who has prescribed God's ways or declared to God "You have done wrong?"

Leader: Remember God's work which people have praised in song.

People: All humanity has seen it; mortals gaze on it from afar.

Leader: How great is God-- beyond our understanding!

Gathering Hymn

"Jesus, Be With Us"

Confession and Assurance of God's Grace

All: God of our salvation, we falter before the demands of your word and turn away from Your call to life. Pour out Your mercy on us as You showed mercy to Your people of old, that we may turn from our sinfulness and walk the path of self-emptying love make known in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord from the book of Ezekiel: "When the people turn from their wickedness and do what is right, they shall save their life."

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

"Change My Heart, O God"

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

Psalm 133

The Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for [siblings] to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard—Aaron's beard—coming down on the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, coming down upon the mountains of Zion.

For there Adonai commanded the blessing—life forevermore!

Second Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Sermon

Veronica Gould

“Where Are We Living?”

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

Veronica Gould

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Rola Al Ashkar

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

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Benediction

Veronica Gould

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.)

In Appreciation:

Online Greeter

Flowers

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