



The Celebration of Worship

October 4, 2020 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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Special Video

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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: God calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves;

Congregation: the one who is weak and the one who is strong, the one who is happy and the one who is sad.

Leader: the one who is enjoying mental wellness and the one who is struggling with mental illness today, the one whom we understand and the one we don't.

Congregation: the one who is embraced and the one who is shunned, the one who is like us and the one who is different.

Leader: Come, let us worship together!

All: We come, trusting God's abundant love!

Gathering Hymn

"God Is Here Today"

Confession and Assurance of God's Grace

Leader: Today we come seeking knowledge and understanding of mental illness that will bring liberation and peace to us and those we serve and with that we confess our lack of understanding and action.

All: We confess our lack of knowledge and understanding, we lament finding ourselves separated from our sisters and brothers with mental illness and their families, and we repent from living

cut off from sources of strength and power that would help us be present to them.

Leader: God's love heals us, God's Spirit gives us courage to live in fuller union with our suffering siblings, and God's presence empowers us to action.

All: 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

Veronica Gould

Hymn of Grace

"You are My Hiding Place"

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

Matthew 18: 1-5

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 18: 15-20

"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even

to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Sermon

David Woods Bartley

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

Rola Al Ashkar

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

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Benediction

David Woods Bartley

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:

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