



The Celebration of Worship

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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: How good it is to gather together to praise our God.

People: It is a joyous thing to sing and speak God's praises.

Leader: Let our hearts be glad and our spirits rejoice.

People: With joy and thanksgiving we give our attention to God's word and love for us.

All: Thanks be to God who nurtures and sustains us.

Gathering Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"

Confession and Assurance of God's Grace

Leader: You have said that the poor in spirit are blessed. Yet we pretend to be powerful and pursue the lie of self-sufficiency.

Congregation: O humble God, we need You.

Leader: You have said that those who mourn are blessed. Yet we would often rather numb ourselves through movies and media than open ourselves to the reality of grief in the world and in our hearts.

Congregation: O comforting God, we need You.

Leader: You have said that the meek are blessed. Yet we follow the call of advertisements and corporate ladders, pursuing the treasures of this world.

Congregation: O generous God, we need You.

Leader: You have said that the pure in heart are blessed. Yet we go about our days with mixed motives, sometimes of service and sometimes of selfishness.

Congregation: O present God, we need You.

Leader: You have said that the peacemakers are blessed, yet we live in a polarized world where it is easier to take sides than build bridges.

Congregation: O Parent God, we need You.

Leader: God fills us with God's Spirit, cleanses us with God's grace and gives us hearts seasoned with mercy that we might carry God's presence to the world.

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

Rola Al Ashkar

Hymn of Grace

"Bless the Lord my Soul"

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 John 3:1-3

See what love God the Parent has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when God is revealed, we will be like God, for we will see God as God is. And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as God is pure.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

“Blessings in Action”

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

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Veronica Gould

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

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

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.)

In Appreciation:

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