



The Celebration of Worship

April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday in Easter

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Pastoral Resident: Veronica Gould
Worship Leader: TBD
Pianist: Janet Hill
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright
Zoom Moderator: Lori Hart

Welcome and Announcements

Veronica Gould

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

TBD

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God.

People: Just as Christ loved us, so we are called to love one another.

Leader: The love of God is far greater than we can ask or imagine.

People: Creator, open our hearts to receive Your love for us.

Confession Prayer

TBD

Leader: How great a love Our God has given to us that we should be called children of God! And we are God's beloved children.

All: Loving Parent, we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit Who empowers us to love one another. Yet, Lord, there are still many people we struggle to love. We do not see Your image in the stranger. We reject the dignity of our enemies. We focus on the flaws of our friends, our families, and ourselves. Forgive the anger, hatred, and spite that we carry today. We ask for Your hand of healing to be upon us. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

TBD

Leader: The Lord has promised to restore our weary souls and lead us in right paths.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Response to God's Forgiveness

All: 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

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Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Hymn

"Bless the Lord"

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

TBD

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.

Japanese Psalm Reading: 23:4-6

Michael Wright

Easy-to-Read Version

Even if I walk through a valley as dark as the grave,

I will not be afraid of any danger, because you are with me.

Your rod and staff comfort me.

You prepared a meal for me in front of my enemies.

You welcomed me as an honored guest.

My cup is full and spilling over.

Your goodness and mercy will be with me all my life,

and I will live in the Lord's house a long, long time.

1st Scripture Reading: John 3:16-24

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We know love by this, that [Jesus] laid down his life for us--and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before [God] whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, [knowing] everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from [God] whatever we ask, because we obey [God's] commandments and do what pleases [God]. And this is [the

Lord's] commandment, that we should believe in the name of [God's] Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as [Christ] has commanded us. All who obey [God's] commandments abide in [God], and [God] abides in them. And by this we know that [God] abides in us, by the Spirit that [God] has given us.

2nd Scripture Reading: Acts 4:1-12

Veronica Gould

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They seized Peter and John and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. But many who heard the message believed; so the number of [believers] grew to about five thousand.

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was [weak] and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Sermon

Veronica Gould

"Power in the Name"

Musical Offering

Janet Hill

"Grace Alone"

Time for silent reflection.

Opportunity To Present Offerings

TBD

Doxology

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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

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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.

Hymn

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

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

May Lee

Coffee Hour

No coffee hour this week