Order of Worship – May 17, 2020

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements/Opening Prayer

Hymn #366: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Verse 1

Love divine all loves excelling
Joy of heaven to earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling
All Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus Thou art all compassion
Pure unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart

Verse 2

Breathe O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast Let us all in Thee inherit Let us find the promised rest Take away the love of sinning Alpha and Omega be End of faith as its beginning Set our hearts at liberty

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Verse 3

Come Almighty to deliver
Let us all Thy life receive
Suddenly return and never
Never more Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy perfect love

Verse 4

Finish then Thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before Thee
Lost in wonder love and praise

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you know us in our inner being. In your grace you offer us forgiveness even before we have the chance to confess our sins. You embrace us in all our sinfulness and give us the chance to start again. Help us to learn from the example you have given us in Jesus, who chose the way of the cross that all might know the depth of your love for all people.

Assurance of Pardon

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Scripture Reading: Psalm 66:8-12, 16-20

Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.
For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;
you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer

or removed his steadfast love from me.

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Message

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Solo: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - Steve Crouch

Verse 1

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it Mount of Thy redeeming love

Verse 2

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

WE DEPART IN PEACE

Blessing and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Participating Today: Sandra Brown, Pat Yancey

Liturgist: Bob Baer
Soloist: Steve Crouch
Organist: Robert Jacoby II
Videographer: Taylor Forrest