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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
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Words to hymns are on the back of the bulletin

JUNE 20, 2021

10:00am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Summons

CALL TO WORSHIP

God invites us here to say:

Excel in generosity.

God invites us here to say: Become poor, that you might be rich in spirit.

God invites us here to say: Love one another.

God invites us here to say: Do not fear.

God invites us here to say: Know God's steadfast love.

Let us worship the God who calls, nurtures, and supports us through all our lives.

GATHERING PRAYER

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when sisters and brothers live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, like the dew that falls on the mountains of Zion.

HYMN: #450 *Be Thou My Vision*

CALL TO CONFESSION

We strive to be strong and self-sufficient, but in truth we are in constant need of grace. In penitence and faith, let us confess our weakness to God and to one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, hear our voices as we cry to you.

Listen to our prayers!

O Lord, if you kept score of all our failings,

Lord, who could stand?

If you mark down our sins against you and against each other,

Lord, who could stand?

In the dark night we wait for your forgiveness.

We hope for the morning of your mercy.

With you, O God, there is steadfast love.

With you there is great power of forgiveness. Our hope is in you. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, the good news is this:

grace is poured out like water; mercy flows like a never-ending stream, bathing us in goodness and love. Live, then, as those who have received new life, rejoicing in our baptism.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of eternity, by the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us this day, that hearing, we may know your truth and live ever more faithfully for you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

1st Sam. 17:1-49, 1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

SERMON

The Rev. Leslie Latham

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We return to you, O God, the gifts you have given, that this money, and our lives, might bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: #408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in the Air*

CHARGE

Watch with us in the storms of our lives, dear Lord; still the waves with your powerful voice, and give us courage to continue the journey with you to the other side, to a new world.

~ *Rev. Barbara Chaapel, 1st Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia*

BENEDICTION

Hymns

“Be Thou My Vision”

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

“There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in the Air”

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

2. There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (Refrain)