



Let's Worship!

May 5, 2024—10:30 AM
Sixth Sunday of Easter

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough, Worship Leader: Beverly Mate;
Message: Pastor, Rev. David Wenker; Production: Max Moran



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Message Preview- Message Title: Living as the Beloved: Given

The main point of learning to live as the beloved of God is not that we might feel blessed but that we might give our lives in love to others. The blessing God gives needs to be flowing to be experienced, it flows when we bless others with our lives. Learning to accept our brokenness is to become the spiritual food that feeds another's heart. Jesus came because of self giving love, that he might give his life for us. The spiritual surprise is that in giving ourselves in love to others, we increase the spiritual blessings in our lives.

Music Preview: Baritone soloist, John Saalman will be singing “The Blind Ploughman” for the Offertory, by Robert Coningsby Clarke may be his only musical legacy. It is a favorite piece to give baritones early in their study. The text is inspirational and the music is dramatic and compelling.

The opening hymn is *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*, written by Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933), who was inspired in 1907 by the beauty of the Berkshire mountains where he was serving as a guest preacher at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. It has been said that Van Dyke handed the poem to the president of the college, saying: “Here is a hymn for you. Your mountains were my inspiration.”

The hymn of preparation - *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* comes from a portion of Bernard of Clairvaux's poem, *Jesu dulcis memoria*, roughly translated "Remembrance of Jesus' Sweetness."

The closing hymn, *Though I May Speak*, the lyrics – a gorgeous, poetic interpretation of I Corinthians 13, the famous Love passage from Paul's epistle. This tune – from the British Isles, with an expectedly complex history – is perhaps best known as the folk song “The Water Is Wide.”

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

WELCOME: PASTOR DAVID WENKER

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON):

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 8) (RESPONSIVE):

One: This is the day the Lord has made;
Many: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

God of all glory, on this first day you began creation bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ from the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. We pray in Jesus name, AMEN

MUSIC: JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE BLUE #464

**1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day**

**2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**3. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the Morning Stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. Therefore, let's confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

We confess we want our life to go the way we want it to go. When we don't get our way, we have all sorts of negative reactions that hurt others, your name, and us. We resist surrendering to you, believing our way is better. Forgive us. You alone are the way to life. We acknowledge you are working out our life out of love, in our best interest, for your glory and our good. Help us to trust you when we can't see it. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVE)

One: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. .

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

Holy Spirit, help us to hear familiar words with fresh ears, and to take your Holy Word to us seriously, as guide and pattern for our lives. Amen

FIRST READING: EPHESIANS 4: 11-16

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 20: 20-28

A Mother's Request

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. "What is it you want?" he asked.

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

MESSAGE: " LIVING AS THE BELOVED - GIVEN"

Pastor David Wenker

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

With gratitude for all God has given us, let us return our offerings to God.

OFFERTORY: SOLO-THE BLIND PLOUGHMAN - JOHN SAALMAN, BARITONE

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above the heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE



The flowers that beautify the Sanctuary today are given by Ruth Traber, in loving memory of her daughter-in-law Janet Traber.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO:

May 5 ~ John Saalman
May 12 ~ Dale Myers

COMMUNITY NEWS -

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pray for: Monica Henley recovering from successful procedure; Erin, hospitalized for heart issues; Dale & Jonna Myers Grandson Dylan recovering from neuro-surgery on 4/26; Barbara Cain preparing for surgery on May 8. Susan Craig with cancer; Gene Fanelli with COPD and Abdominal aortic aneurysm. Jill Whipple (Linda's Daughter), serious illness; Russell Page, recovering from broken hip; Von George, friend of the Stiles, treating for pancreatic cancer in Boston @ Mass. General.

Continual prayer requested for: Those on hospice care: Marty; John Stalford, Bob Fite, Gertrude Hess, Celeste Bashaw.

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Grover, Glenn, Candy, and Donna.

Please pray for those who serve in the military: Cpt. Laura Camperson; Cpt. Sean Camperson; Pvt. William Crook, US Army; 2nd Lt Michael Crosby, USAF; S. Sgt. Richard Eubanks, and those suffering from severe head injuries.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *JESUS, THOU JOY OF LOVING HEARTS*, BLUE #510, VERSES 1 & 4

**1. Jesus Thou Joy of loving hearts,
Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of all,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn, unfilled, to heed Thy call.**

**4. Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,
Where-e'er our changeful lot is cast,
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.**

INVITATION TO ALL: COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE! THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (RESPONSIVE)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of Hope, Breath of peace, Giver of all life.....

as Jesus taught us to pray, saying,

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION - REV. WENKER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

Once we were strangers,
Now we are neighbors.
Once we were strangers,
Now we are friends.

MUSIC: *THOUGH I MAY SPEAK*, BLUE #335

**1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain;
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**2. Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole,
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed.**

BENEDICTION: PASTOR DAVID WENKER

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

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Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee: Henry Van Dyke/Ludwig von Beethoven;
CCLI Song #3788400
2. God Welcomes All: CCLI #7102394
3. Gloria: Public Domain
4. The Blind Ploughman; Robert Coningsby Clark/Margeurite Radclyffe-Hall:
Public Domain
5. Doxology. CCLI #4255578
6. Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts; Bernard of Claireveux, Ray Palmer/Henry
Baker CCLI #7156653
7. Though I May Speak: Hal Hopson, English folk melody, Harm. John Weaver;
CCLI #67327