



June 7, 2020

WELCOME

"BROTHERS, SISTERS, LET US GLADLY"

[Verse 1]

Brothers, sisters, let us gladly give to God our all, our best.
Service hearty, thorough, honest, with a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving; all our time to him belong.
Praise him, then, with true devotion; come before him with a song.

[Verse 2]

By his mercy, by his bounty, by the gift of Christ, his Son.
What great goodness he has shown us, what high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely yield our bodies and our souls.
Thankful that his love protects us that his wisdom all controls.

[Verse 3]

Gracious Lord, accept our service for the sake of Christ, your Son
Lo, our hope abides now only in the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us; help and guide us; watch to comfort and restore
Till in heaven we rest rejoicing, praising you for evermore.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: *To live* lives that reflect God's grace we must be like Christ. We cannot be choosy with to whom we show love, hospitality, forgiveness, or compassion. *The way we live* is how we worship and reflect God's grace. Paul describes it this way: "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship" (*Romans 12:1*). Our lives—our worship—puts no confidence in ourselves and boasts in no one other than Christ. This requires us to daily put our sinful nature to death. One way we do this is by confessing our sins and turning from our sinful habits and placing all our trust in the One who supplies every need and forgives every sin we have ever and will ever commit.:

Congregation: Have mercy on me, O God. According to your unfailing love, according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my sins, sin of thought, word, and deed; they are always before me. Against you—and you alone—have I sinned. My heart is broken and contrite over what I have done and failed to do. Forgive me for Jesus sake. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore in me the joy of your salvation and grant a willing spirit to sustain me.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

WL: God, our heavenly Father, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. He remembers your sins no more and has made you alive in Christ. Go in peace with the full assurance that your sins are forgiven. Amen.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

FIRST LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of

God, God lives in them and they in God.

¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

"I WILL GO"

[Verse 1]

Standing in the place
Where doubt and faith collide
Staring in the face
Of fear that has to die
When You call my name
There's only one reply
No I won't wait
I'll give You my whole life.

[Chorus]

I will go where You send me
To the ends of the earth
Just say the word and I'll go
I will go where You lead me
I'll follow Your heart
Wherever You are I'll go

[Verse 2]

I've packed my bags
And now I'm heading out
No I won't look back
Until the lost are found
'Cause I've been losing sleep
Over the least of these
And I'll find Your riches
Among poverty.

[Chorus]

[Bridge]x2

In Your name the blind will see
The lame will walk the bound are free
In Your name the darkness hides
The mountains move the dead will rise
In Your name. In Your name.

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MESSAGE: GUIDANCE FOR THE JOURNEY—GOD

based on Exodus 20:1-3

Two weeks ago, we celebrated Memorial Day—what is known as the unofficial beginning to summer.

As this summer has begun, there are many things before us in the headlines: COVID-19, unemployment, the murder of George Floyd, race relations, protests, violence, upcoming elections, and gigantic swarms of locusts in Africa and India. Additionally, all of us have matters before us on the journey of our person lives. Some have commented, “It’s a crazy time.”

*How does one make it through such a time as this?
How do Christians travel this part of the journey of their lives?*

The Bible tells us about a large group of God’s people on a journey. They were the Nation of Israel after God rescued them from slavery in Egypt. They had present and future challenges before them. However, they were blessed with relationship with God and with one another. To use the current slogan, they were “in it together.”

But how did they make their way? How did they do the journey?

The Bible tells us that God guided them. One of the ways through which God guided Israel was through what we call the Ten Commandments. God used the Ten Commandments to direct Israel in their relationship with him and with one another.

For this year’s summer message series—during this “crazy time”—may God use our exploration of the Ten Commandments to guide us through this segment of our life’s journey.

EXODUS 20:1-3

¹ And God spoke all these words:

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

PRAYER

Vicar Tim will offer the Prayer. Following the prayer:

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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THE BLESSING

WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship over the year:

**Also, feel free to send song suggestions or recommendations to Staff Minister Kyle Heise. 😊*



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