

Order of Worship
5/10/2020

Meditation Prayer

God of love and judgment, who made Jesus both Sovereign and Messiah, and who welcomed us into your family through the waters of baptism, we seek once again to know the risen Christ in our midst and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we might be obedient to your truth and genuine in our love for one another. May the new birth provided by your living and enduring word send us forth today as deeply committed messengers of good news. Amen.

Prelude *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Announcements

Call to contemplation *All Glory Be to God on High*

Call to Worship (responsively)

L: God has called us together for this time of worship.
God is listening to our thoughts and to our speaking.

C: God inclines an ear to us and hears us.

God knows us better than we know ourselves.

L: Let us open our hearts to the One who gives us life.
Let us set our faith and hope in God.

C: In one another's presence, we renew our vows.

Together we offer our thanksgiving sacrifice.

L: God's promises to us are ancient and ever new.
God is with us here and on all the roads we travel.

C: Together we lift our voices in songs of praise.
Together we recognize we are precious in God's sight.

Hymn *Praise to the Living God*

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Wondrous God, present with us when we do not know it, valuing us when we do not care for ourselves, planting in us the seed of your word even when the soil of our hearts is hard and unyielding, open our eyes to recognize you here. May we sense your presence next to us. May we hear your voice. May we know your touch. May we see you in one another and in the beauty all around us. May your reality emerge deep inside each life, transforming our thoughts and deeds and our relationship with one another. Amen.

Gospel Galatians 5: 22-23; Acts 8, 13-15

Sermon *The Experience of Joy*

Hymn *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Offertory Invitation

Offertory *Hungry, I Come*

Doxology: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Thank you, God, for the privilege of joining with Christ in the proclamation of your love for all people. May the ministries we support serve to unite people across all differences, building up the body of Christ and reaching out to the world with healing energy. Bless these gifts and all who give in any way to make your love known. Amen.

A Time of Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Musical Response *Improvisation on O Lord, I am Not Worthy*

Hymn *This Little Light of Mine*

Benediction

Postlude *This Little Light of Mine - Reprise*