

# MORNING WORSHIP

May 24, 2020

10:30 a.m.

## GATHERING

*Worship is the heart of the church's life and mission. When we worship, we return to the wellsprings of the faith that we may commune with God. To prepare yourself for worship, a suggested reading is Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35.*

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Be Still, My Soul"

*Jean Sibelius  
arr. by Lloyd Larson*

## ADORATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 68:32-35*

O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to the One who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

**Ascribe power to God whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.**

Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel – he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

**Blessed be God!**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, your Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.

By your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity, and keep it faithful to your Word, so that we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**HYMN** 260 v.1&2 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Martin Luther*

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;



## **CONFESSION**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners.

Let us confess our sin.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.**

**We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Romans 6:8,11*

If we have died with Christ we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***PROCLAMATION***

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the scriptures are read, and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON**

*Acts 1:6-14*

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**P:** Thanks be to God.

### **MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN**

**ANTHEM** “Even Here”

*Mark Miller*

At the land’s dark roots, in the farthest deep, where the daylight dims, Where no one can reach,  
Can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?

I have turned away, I have set my fate, I have run too far, I repent too late,  
Can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?

O, to climb again where the eagle flies, where its nest is set in the sunlit skies!  
Can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?

O forgive me, Lord, may I see your face, may I die in peace with a song of praise,  
May the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here.

## SECOND LESSON

*John 17:1-11*

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.’

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.’

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SERMON “The Fact of Life”

*Don Frampton*

## RESPONSE

### 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.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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**

HYMN 361 v.1&4 “How Firm a Foundation”

*American Folk Melody*



Is My  
 bid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 Thy dress to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

*John Darwall*  
*arr. by John Innes*

*Participating in today's service are Don Frampton, Transitional Pastor; Sandy Cranfill, Soloist; Julie Etland, Pianist; and Julie Hebert, Director of Christian Education.*

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