

witness life together



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acts 4:32-35

First Sunday of Ordinary Time

May 30, 2021, 11am

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PRELUDE

“America The Beautiful”

Virtual Bells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Guest preacher today Rev. Cameron Highsmith
2. June worship each Sunday
3. Town Hall June 13

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You, divine beings! Give to God — give to God glory and power!

People: Give to God the glory due God's name!

Bow down to God in holy splendor!

Leader: God's voice is over the waters; the glorious God thunders; God is over the mighty waters.

People: God's voice is strong;

God's voice is majestic.

Leader: Let God give strength to the people!

People: Let God bless the people with peace!

Leader: Let us worship God! Please rise as you are able, and join in signing portions of the hymn.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“You are My All in All” (ASL)

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my all in all. When I fall down you pick me up.

When I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

(from Beth Merrill Neel on holdfasttowhatisgood.com)

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayers.

CONFESSION

Merciful God, In your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

God, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS “Yet Not I but Through Christ In Me,” vs. 2 Annabel

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Savior he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing. For in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will
lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of fire and wind and the God of fierce compassion, hear this good news: God offers forgiveness of sins and the grace of repentance. As you repent of your sin, accept God’s grace for you, and be restored to full life. In Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

READING

Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

SERMON

Rev. Cameron Highsmith

OFFERTORY

“Apostle’s Creed”

Spoken by Virtual Choir

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. (*or universal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

With boldness, let us offer our prayers to the shepherd of our souls, saying, “God of goodness and mercy,” **“hear our prayer.”**

We pray for the church in every place...

gather us together and make us one, one in ministry and mission to the world, so that there will be one flock, one shepherd. God of goodness and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world...

Anoint all leaders with your wisdom so that they will use their power to help the poor and defend the vulnerable. God of goodness and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community...

Strengthen those who work each day to heal the sick, welcome the outcasts, and help sisters and brothers in need, sharing what we have. God of goodness and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for friends and loved ones...

Comfort all who are suffering; walk with them through the dark valleys and restore them, body, mind and soul. God of goodness and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, by the power of your Spirit, help us to keep your commandments and to love one another with the love of Jesus, in whose holy name we pray as Jesus taught us, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they 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.

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

We serve the Lord with freedom and we worship God with joy. In freedom and joy, let us present the offerings of our lives to the Lord. You may choose to give by mailing your offerings to the church, or giving online. Your gifts maintain our ministries, and make help to others possible. If you know of someone in need—physical, financial, emotional or spiritual...especially if it is yourself, please speak with our pastor or the elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry.

Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" Video
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creations high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER

HYMN OF SENDING Called As Partners In Christ's Service" #761

Called as partners in Christ's service. Called to ministries of grace.
We respond with deep commitment. Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing. Side by side and friend with friend.
Equal partners in our caring. To fulfil God's chosen end.
Christ's example Christ's inspiring. Christ's clear call to work and worth.
Let us follow never faltering. Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women richer poorer. All God's people young and old.
Blending human skills together. Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission. In a small or global sense.
Help us bear each other's burdens. Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort words of vision. Words of challenge said with care.
Bring new power and strength for action. Make us colleagues free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow. Ways to order human life.
That surround each person's sorrow. With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living. Our compassion to increase.
Messengers of faith thus giving. Hope and confidence and peace.

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Highsmith

"May the Peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Highsmith

"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."

POSTLUDE