

November 8, 2020 11 CST

Service for the Lord's Day

Gathering of the People

*All may stand as able

Liturgist: Cindy Brackenbury

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

the Liturgist

Invocation

Prelude

Prelude on "Simple Gifts" arr. J. Southbridge
Early American Shaker Tune

Call to Worship*

One: Are you awake? Are you alert?

All: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

One: Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

All: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

One: Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

All: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

One: Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

All: Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

Confessing to God

Call to Confession

the Pastor

Prayer of Confession

God of truth and God of grace, we confess that too often we are lukewarm Christians, rarely very wicked but seldom very loving, as well. We drift along in the streams of general indifference and shared selfishness. We are afraid that if we follow Christ, we will be weird so we, timidly followed the savior from afar. For this our part in the brokenness of the world, we seek cathartic mercy, and for our many private faults and static faith we plead for forgiveness. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen!

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

the Liturgist

Scripture

Amos 5:18–24

¹⁸Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD!

Why do you long for the day of the LORD?

That day will be darkness, not light.

¹⁹It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him.

²⁰Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?

²¹"I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me.

²²Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them.

Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them.

²³Away with the noise of your songs!

I will not listen to the music of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Offertory *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Charles Converse
arr. Rex Koury

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear,

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer.

Scripture

Luke 6:27–36

²⁷"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ² bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners,

expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Sermon

A Love That Hurts

the Pastor

Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith; The 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, 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.

Sending God's People into the World

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in F major

Ross Anderson

Prayer Concerns

For our church family...

George McLean	John Holcomb	Laura Reichert
Wayne Hughins	Melissa Scholl	Edwin Swartz
Nellie Songer	John Giddens	Al Greenberg
Vernon Clark	Steve Mannich	Arnold Reichert
Shirley Narkates	Randy & Christy Little	

For our extended family...

Grace Miller	Bill & Julie Wills	Garry Vincent
C. J. Fonte	Kennon Little	Donnie Bates
Clara Beach	Trent Schindler	Zoe
Jessica Watkins	Heather Odell	Fred Esleck
Mary Hammett	Margaret Stallings	Deborah Waldron
Christiana Battles	Stella Purcell	Fran Skiroock
Debra Jackson	Sarah Troupe	
Derek & Lauren Webber		



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Everyone is welcome in God's house.
Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary
and carry heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you.
Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart,
and you will find rest for your souls."
Matthew 11:28-29

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