

A Service For The Worship Of God

April 29th, 2018

We give thanks that God has called us to worship together.



Processional Hymn #473

For The Beauty Of The Earth

A Word of Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 23: 1; John 10: 14– 16)

Leader: In the wilderness, water brings life.

People: Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

Leader: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

People: Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

Leader: In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

People: Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Unison: Let us celebrate God's love together.

Prayer Of The Day (In Unison)

**Wondrous God, you make all things new in water and Word,
feeding your people with love, joy, and peace.**

Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings.

Teach us to love what you have commanded

and to prune what does not nourish your creation,

**in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.**

Hymn: Redeemed Big Daddy Weave

Seems like all I could see was the
struggle

Haunted by ghosts that lived in my
past

Bound up in shackles of all my
failures

Wondering how long is this gonna
last

Then You look at this prisoner and
say to me "son

Stop fighting a fight it's already been
won"

I am redeemed, You set me free

So I'll shake off these heavy chains

Wipe away every stain, now I'm not
who I used to be

I am redeemed, I'm redeemed

All my life I have been called
unworthy

Named by the voice of my shame
and regret

But when I hear You whisper, "Child
lift up your head"

I remember, oh God, You're not
done with me yet

I am redeemed, You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
Wipe away every stain, now I'm not
who I used to be

Because I don't have to be the old
man inside of me
'Cause his day is long dead and
gone
Because I've got a new name, a new
life, I'm not the same
And a hope that will carry me home

I am redeemed, You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
Wipe away every stain, 'cause I'm
not who I used to be

I am redeemed, You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
Wipe away every stain, yeah, I'm not
who I used to be
Oh, God, I'm not who I used to be
Jesus, I'm not who I used to be
'Cause I am redeemed
Thank God, redeemed*

Call To Confession

God who calls us to repent, hears us. In full trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

(Silent Confession) — In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance Of Pardon

Leader: We have an advocate with God - Jesus Christ, the righteous one - who offered his life in love to save the world from sin. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Yes it is true, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God

Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

Leader: *As a forgiven people, let us share the peace of Christ
The Peace Of Christ Be With You.*

People: And Also With You.

Leader: *Let us turn and greet one another*

Children's Time

Hymn #415

Come, Labor On

Prayers Of The People and Lord's Prayer

(You are invited to share out loud your prayer concerns and joys)

Leader: Lord in you mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

Prayer Response

Hymn #325 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
And make this house your home;
Descend with all your gracious powers;
O come, great Spirit, come!

Offering (let us present our Offerings, Tithes and Gifts to the Lord)

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anthem

Scripture

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Message

Rev. Jack Cormack

Hymn: I Can Only Imagine

MercyMe

I can only imagine what it will be like
When I walk, by your side
I can only imagine what my eyes will
see
When your face is before me
I can only imagine, yeah

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for you Jesus
Or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

I can only imagine when that day
comes
When I find myself standing in the
Son
I can only imagine when all I would
do is forever
Forever worship You
I can only imagine, yeah
I can only imagine

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel

*Charge and Benediction

*Response

May the love of God be all around us, all around us, everywhere we go.
May the grace of God shine down upon us, down upon us, and everyone we know.
This is our prayer as we leave this place with our hearts full of love and grace.
May the love of God be all around us, all around us, everywhere we go.

*=Those for whom it is comfortable are invited to stand

Rev. Jack Cormack
Jennifer McCullough
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Pastor
Director of Music
Pianist

Will I dance for You, Jesus
Or in awe of you be still
Will I stand in your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine, yeah
I can only imagine

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I can only imagine
I can only imagine
I can only imagine when all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You
I can only imagine*