

LaGrave Avenue CRC Livestream Worship October 4, 2020

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” – Michael Burkhardt, Charles Callahan, Keith Kolander

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “Now with Joyful Exultation”

*Now with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;
to the Rock of our salvation loud hosannas let us raise.
Thankful tribute gladly bringing, let us come before him now,
and, with psalms his praises singing, joyful in his presence bow.*

*To the Lord, such might revealing, let us come with reverence meet,
and, before our Maker kneeling, let us worship at his feet.
He is our own God who leads us, we the people of his care;
with a shepherd’s hand he feeds us as his flock in pastures fair.*

The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 585:1,3,4

“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”

- 1. With grateful heart my thanks I bring; before the “gods” your praise I sing.
I worship in your holy place and praise you for your truth and grace;
for truth and grace together shine in your most holy Word divine,
in your most holy Word divine.**
- 3. O Lord, enthroned in glory bright, you reign alone in heavenly height;
the proud in vain your favor seek, but you have mercy for the meek.
Through trouble though my pathway be, you will revive and strengthen me,
you will revive and strengthen me.**
- 4. You will stretch forth your mighty arm to save me when my foes alarm.
The work you have for me begun shall by your grace be fully done.
Your love forever will endure: your mercy, Lord, is ever sure;
your mercy Lord, is ever sure. Amen.**

The Greeting

The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

We Come Humbly Before Our God

The Call to Confession: Psalm 15:1-3

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: John 14:6-7

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 168:1,2

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

- 1. O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, your only crown.
O sacred head, what glory and blessing you have known!
Yet, though despised and gory, I claim you as my own.**
- 2. My Lord, what you did suffer was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but yours the deadly pain.
So here I kneel, my Savior, for I deserve your place;
look on me with your favor and save me by your grace.**

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem: “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” – arr. Martin Neary

*Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred let me bring your love,
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Refrain: O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace: where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. (Refrain)*

*Make me a channel of your peace: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life. (Refrain)*

*Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred let me bring your love,
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8-18

The Sermon: “Hometown Exiles: Suffering for Righteousness”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 140

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

- 1. I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

2. **In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**
3. **When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

God Feeds Us at His Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving – *The congregation will repeat the words after the celebrant*

The Lord be with you...
Let us lift up our hearts to the Lord...
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...
It is right for us to give him our thanks and praise...

We praise you God, for all your gracious gifts...
You made this beautiful world...
You give us life and breath and strength...
You are patient with us when we wander...
You sent Jesus to this world to save us...
Lord Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins...
Lord Jesus, you were raised to life so that we could be free...
You have destroyed death! Alleluia...
You have sent your Spirit to guide us and fill us...
You give us an inheritance that can never perish...never spoil...never fade...
You give us holy food to feed our souls...
You are making all things new...

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels...
and we proclaim the glory of your name...

**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.**

The Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, show forth, here among these people, the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit. Sanctify us through this sacrament. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ may be one in him and remain faithful in love and hope. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. We pray this with the words you taught us, saying,

**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.**

The Words of Institution – *spoken by the minister*

We Eat the Bread – followed by a time of reflection

We Drink the Cup – followed by a time of reflection

Words of Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-5a

The Hymn of Celebration: Lift Up Your Hearts 427:1,3,5 – “How Firm a Foundation”

- 1. How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

- 3. “When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be with you in trouble to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**

- 5. “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”**

The Benediction

The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Organ Amen

The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

The Postlude: “How Firm a Foundation” – Claude Murphree

Participants:

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist

Sara Good – organist

Ben VanHouten – vocalist