

Sunday Worship- July 5, 2020



Summer of Love: Compassionate Lament

First Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon, Iowa

*“Striving to live as Jesus lived –
confronting injustice with love, compassion, service.”*

Welcome to Worship

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

P: maker of heaven and earth.

L: Those who wait for the Lord
shall renew their strength.

**P: they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.**

HYMN #183 Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

1: Come to me, O weary traveler,
come to me with your distress,
come to me you heavy burdened,
come to me and find your rest.

2: Do not fear, my yoke is easy,
do not fear, my burden's light;
do not fear the path before you;
do not run from me in fright.

3: Take my yoke and leave your troubles;
take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you;
take and learn humility.

4: Rest in me, O weary traveler,
rest in me and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gentle,
rest and cast away your care.

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Friends in Christ,

God knows our needs before we ask,
and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace.

Let us open our lives to God's healing presence,
seeking peace with God and reconciliation with our neighbors.

Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us
or brought injury to others, that we may receive mercy
and become for each other ministers of God's grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray together:

All: Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name.**

Time of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Amen.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE #48 Rain Down

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Rain down your love on your people.

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Rain down your love God of life.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: Friends, everything we are and will become
has been love from the beginning.

May the peace and joy of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you.

DISCOVERY TIME

SCRIPTURE READING

L: In the beginning was the Word.

P: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Matthew 9:35-38 (NRSV) – Jesus Has Compassion

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless,

like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Luke 19:41-42 (NRSV) – Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem

As Jesus came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION ON LAMENT

PRAYER OF LAMENT #577 Lord, Have Mercy

*Kyrie elieson. Kyrie elieson.
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L: The God of strength moves within us;

P: the God of courage hears our distress.

L: The God of hope reveals wholeness to us;

P: the God of healing touches us when we are broken.

L: When the pain overwhelms us, when the burden is too heavy,

P: we turn to our God, who is sustaining and redeeming.

L: When there is loneliness, when there is isolation,

P: we turn to our God, who is loving and present.

L: When the darkness blinds us, when it seems that evil has won,

P: we turn to our God, who opens our eyes and ears to see the truth.

L: Where there is injustice, when there is so little mercy,

P: we turn to our God, and seek to confess and live into our forgiveness.

L: For God created us, redeemed us and sustains us, and we are not alone.

**All: Lead us in Your ways, O God, and bring us Your healing touch;
fuel our hearts, voices and hands by Your Spirit.**

Mold us into Your people to do Your holy work as we seek to live as Jesus lived. Amen.

HYMN #314 Christ, Be Our Light

*1: Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.*

*REFRAIN: Christ be our light! Shine in
our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church
gathered today.*

*2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. REFRAIN*

*3: Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. REFRAIN*

*4: Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. REFRAIN*

*5: Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. REFRAIN*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

L: Let us pray together:

**Ever-giving God, source of all goodness and charity,
your ear is always open to our needs.**

When we cry to you, you are faithful and provide for us.

All: With joy we bring our thanksgiving.

**For all your mercies,
we return to you from our abundance.**

All that we give, we dedicate to your glory.

**All that we keep, we commit to your care,
for we are only stewards of your bounty.**

**Bless what we give and what we keep,
for all is your creation. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Special Music

Rehanna Rexroat

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from north and south, and from east and west
to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke,
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's Table.
Our Savior invites those who trust him
to share the feast that he has prepared.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your good works.
You created the world and called it good
and made us in your image to live together in love.
You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from you,
you remained ever faithful.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son.
He lived among us and told your story.

He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.
He shared our pain and died our death,
then rose to new life that we might live,
and all creation be restored.

Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine
that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ
and that we may be his body for the world.

By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another
until we feast with him and with all your saints
in your eternal realm of justice and peace.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: God of Abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.

**P: Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN #747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

*The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.
The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE