

**Sunday, September 20, 2020**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

10,000 Reasons

*Matt Redman*

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul,  
Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, oh my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul,  
Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, oh my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.*

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul,  
Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, oh my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.*

**LITURGY: MERCY AND TRUTH**

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**In him is the fountain of life, and in his light we see light.**

*C. Daniel Crews (Singing From the Heart #115)*

Joining our voices all in God's praises,  
The church rejoices in these new days.  
Thanks for this hour with all its challenge,  
Thanks for God's power with us always.

From every nation you call your people;  
In our salvation you make us one;  
Sister and brother, joined in the Spirit;  
Loving each other in the one Son.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and bless his name.

**For the Lord is good. His mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures to all generations.**

The sacrifice which God desires is a humble spirit; O God, you will not reject a humble and repentant heart.

**If we confess our sins, you are just and will keep your promise: you will forgive our sins and purify us from all wrongdoing.**

*Nicholas L. von Zinzendorf (Singing from the Heart #137)*

Following God demands our stillness.  
Rushing to employ our powers,  
Even with the best intentions  
We confuse God's will with ours.

Every human effort falters.  
We can never win the race  
Trusting our own strength and wisdom,  
Leaning not upon God's grace.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, hear us.**

*Nicholas L. von Zinzendorf (Singing from the Heart #137)*

Matters of the soul and spirit  
Are not won by storm and stress.  
Rather they with God's own patience  
Point us to creative rest.

Let us ever in our living  
Through each fleeting day and night  
Walk with calm and growing brightness,  
Lord, as you are in the light.

Hear what the Lord says: I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you. Go, and sin no more.

Having heard God's gracious word of forgiveness, let us now profess our faith.

**We believe in God as our Creator and loving heavenly Father.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as our Comforter and Sustainer, according to the Holy Scriptures.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Father, we praise you; Jesus we love you;  
Spirit, we thank you for these new days.  
Help us to know, Lord, help us to grow, Lord,  
Help us to sow, Lord, your love always.

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

**TEACHING ON PRAYER**

**A TIME OF PRAYER TOGETHER**

**SONG**            Let The Peace of God Reign

*Darlene Zschech*

Father of life, draw me closer,  
Lord, my heart is set on you.  
Let me run the race of time,  
With your life enfolding mine,  
And let the peace of God, let it reign.

O, Holy Spirit, you're my comfort,  
Strengthen me, hold my head up high;  
And I'll stand upon your truth,  
Bringing glory unto you,  
And let the peace of God, let it reign.

*O Lord, I hunger for more of you.  
Rise up within me, let me know your truth.  
O Holy Spirit, saturate my soul,  
And let the life of God fill me now,  
Let your healing power bring life and make me whole,  
And let the peace of God, let it reign.*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**            People Need the Lord

*Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Exodus 16:2 – 15  
Philippians 1:21 – 30  
Matthew 20:1 – 16

**SONG**            Why So Downcast?

*Frank Berrios, Tom Brooks and Jeff Hamlin*

Why so downcast, oh my soul?  
Put your hope in God, put your hope in God, put your hope in God.  
Oh, why so downcast, oh my soul?  
Put your hope in God and bless the Lord, oh my soul.

Bless the Lord: He's the lifter of my countenance.  
Bless the Lord: He's the lifter of my head.  
Bless the Lord: He's the lifter of my countenance;  
Oh, I will never be afraid. Oh...

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **SERMON**

#### **PRAYER**

#### **HYMN**            Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*William Williams (Red Hymnal #431)*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more.  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.  
I will ever give to thee.

#### **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

#### **POSTLUDE**