

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Welcome

Call to Worship

We enter a virtual gathering space once again this season.
We worship together in spirit and in truth,
though not in person.
We pray, sing, and listen to God's Word
despite the fear that pervades our community.
We trust Christ's peace,
a peace given freely, despite our doubts and fears.
We know the Holy Spirit is among us,
blowing with a hopeful wind of change.
We feel the presence of Christ,
the one who died and rose again, and brings us eternal life.
We submit to God's leading in this time of transformation.
May we experience the joy of this Easter season
when we celebrate all God has in store for us.

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Song: *Amazing Love*

God's Greeting/Candle Lighting

Song: *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Confession and Lament

O God, open our eyes that we may see the needs of others.
Open our ears that we may hear their cries.
Open our hearts that we may feel their anguish and their joy.

We confess we are afraid to defend the oppressed,
the poor, and the powerless
because of the anger and might of the powerful,
And because we fear there might not be enough to go around.

Show us where love and hope and faith are needed,
and use us to bring them to those places.
Open our ears and eyes, our hearts and lives,
that we may, in these coming days,
be able to do some work of justice and peace for You.
Amen.

Assurance

Christ is the vine. We are simply branches.

If we abide in Christ, Christ's words will abide in us.
Ask for whatever you wish in Christ's name
and it will be granted.
In the name of Christ,
you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!
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(Adapted from [*The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012*](#))

Children's Message

Song: *Hold Me Jesus*

Scripture: John 21:1-19

Sermon: Peculiar Treasure: Peter

- The question, "What next?" seems to pop up quite often, in the restoration of a piano, or pondering the coming months of the pandemic, or coming back from a profoundly spiritual experience.
 - Where do you wonder, "What's next?"
 - Where do we see this in Peter's life?
 - What is his answer? What does he do?
 - What things might Peter need to work through?
- What is so amazing about this miracle?
 - What is Jesus telling Peter by doing this?
- Peter is _____ for a _____.
 - Why does this make a difference?
 - How does that apply to us?
 - How will that shape the way you live and work this week?

Song: *We Believe (Newsboys)*

Congregational Prayer

Offering and Announcements

Blessing

Song: *Nearer Still Nearer*