

Sep 27, 2020

In person worship gathering

**Prelude music :** *Ten Thousand Reasons or Abide With Me by Matt Maher*

Welcome (Chad)

**Candle Lighting (Jeremy or Chad can invite child forward and read)**

We light this candle to remind us Christ is here and the Spirit lives within us.

Let us pause with some silence to both root us in this reality and to create space to hear from God.

**Call to Worship (Jeremy to Read)**

If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens,  
come to me and I will give you rest.  
Take the yoke I give you.  
Put it on your shoulders and learn from me.  
I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest.  
This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

Christ calls us to come to worship  
To rest from the things that are troubling us  
To learn what Christ can teach of life  
To realise what we can offer to others  
And so to return into the world to serve  
Let us worship God together.

**God's greeting and wave to one another**

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
The Love of God the Father  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

*Here's a moment to wave to one another and share with those closest to you. If you're watching at home, we invite you to take this moment to text someone you know or haven't seen in awhile and extend God's greeting to them.*

**Prayer of the People (Chad)**

*Ask for people's joys and concerns*

**Psalm 106 (Ambient Music playing the background....chorus during breaks if you want.)**

*Praise the Lord.<sup>[a]</sup>  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.  
Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord  
or fully declare his praise?*

***Blessed are those who act justly,  
who always do what is right.  
Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people,  
come to my aid when you save them,***

**Chorus: *When Peace Like a River Chorus***

*that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
that I may share in the joy of your nation  
and join your inheritance in giving praise.*

***We have sinned, even as our ancestors did;  
we have done wrong and acted wickedly.  
When our ancestors were in Egypt,  
they gave no thought to your miracles;  
they did not remember your many kindnesses,  
and they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea. [b]***

**Chorus: When Peace Like a River Chorus**

*Yet he saved them for his name's sake,  
to make his mighty power known.  
He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up;  
he led them through the depths as through a desert.  
He saved them from the hand of the foe;  
from the hand of the enemy he redeemed them.  
The waters covered their adversaries;  
not one of them survived.  
Then they believed his promises  
and sang his praise.*

**Song When Peace Like a River Verse and Chorus**

**Confession (music playing)**

Merciful One,  
you know when we are afraid to love;  
you know when we are too cowardly  
to show mercy.  
Remind us again  
that you are the vine and we are your branches.  
Surround us and strengthen us with your love,  
even in the face of our imperfections.  
Instill in us a love so strong,  
that we may cast aside our pride  
and embrace the power of Your love for us and in us.

**Assurance**

Do not worry; the Lord is near.  
God hears our prayers with compassion  
and with abundant, steadfast love.  
Rejoice, for in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Song: The Steadfast Love of the Lord**

**Remembrance of Baptism ()**

We give you thanks God  
because by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us all one in Christ Jesus;  
we belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace  
you raise us to new life in him  
and renew in us the image of your glory.

We claim God's promises made to us in baptism and recommit ourselves to Christ's way by saying:

**I answer the call of God my creator.  
I trust in Jesus Christ as my Saviour.  
I seek new life from the Holy Spirit.**

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ,  
give you the strength to continue in the Way.  
May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. Amen.

### **Children's Blessing (Chad)**

#### **Hold me Jesus (Video)**

*Play video from the week, invite people to do the actions.*

**Scripture Reading:** **1 John 4.7-21**, Luke 6:32-36

**Sermon: Cultivating Love in the Midst of Market-Style Exchanges**

**Song:** They'll Know We Are Christians

**Respond** (*Said together and standing*) (*Maybe the apostle's creed. Maybe another affirmation of faith or vine/branches language.*)

**Offerings** (*at the door*) [*we respond to God's work by offering ourselves*]

1. *Woody Nook Ministries*
2. *World Renew*

***Gracious God, we give you our lives, symbolized in these gifts. Receive them with love, bless them with grace and use them according to your will. Send us out, filled and changed by your love, to serve others for the sake of the healing of the world, in the name and the Spirit of Christ. Amen.***

***Amen.***

#### **Blessing**

Song: May the Peace of Christ Be With You