

January 3, 2021

Song: King of My Heart

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he who made us and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

(Psalm 100)

Song: Forever (Chris Tomlin)

God's Greeting and We Greet Each Other

Song: Beautiful One

Confession:

We search for joy and meaning in our world. We look for it in our careers, our social circles, and along many of our paths in life. But these things are often fleeting, and our search is unsustainable. God forgive us for not seeking Your kingdom first. Remove those blinders that prevent us from seeing what You are doing in the world and in our lives. Help us to have our eyes focused only on You. May we seek the ultimate treasure which is Your salvation. Help us to trust that we are a forgiven people, who find joy in the assurance that we are Yours. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

(Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church)

Assurance

God's light is present in this world.

Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness.

Present in the star, in all that guides us to love.

God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it.

God's grace is in the world, and our mis-steps will not overcome it.

We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Song: My Soul Finds Rest (LUYH 370)

Communion

(give people some time to get their elements out, as many will be bringing their own)

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**For he is our great high priest
who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.**

Therefore, all creation yearns with eager longing
for the day the Risen Christ returns to make all things new,
And so we join the angels and archangels in praising you, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus, on the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Christ, we welcome you. Your broken body speaks to us of your vulnerable and tender love. Through your brokenness you bring healing. So as you have welcomed us in our brokenness, may we welcome others in theirs.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

Christ, we welcome you. Your cup speaks a better word than the violence and pay back mentality of our world. Through saying no to aggression, you have brought peace. As you have forgiven us, may we forgive others.

Let us proclaim the Great mystery of faith together:

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Amen.

Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine,
that in eating and drinking
we may be made into a living temple and be made one
with Christ and one another.

These are God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
This table is made ready for those who love him
And for those who want to love him more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long,
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Take, eat and drink, remember and believe: the body and blood of Christ given for the
complete forgiveness of all our sins and the healing of the world.

(partake of the elements)

**Thank you, God, for you have met us with your love
and nourished us at your table.
As your pilgrim people, may we continue to explore the Way of Christ
by growing in faith, by loving your people, and by serving others.**

Song: O Come to the Altar

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon: Out of Egypt I Have Called My Son

Congregational Prayer by Dirk Drost

Time of Praise

Song: Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning (LUYH 119)

Song: Lion and The Lamb

God's Parting Blessing

Song: Hallelujah We Sing Your Praises (LUYH 957)

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