

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 13, 2018

9:45 A.M.

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

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WELCOME (*Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad in your pew.*)

CHORAL INTROIT

Come, Let Us Sing

Scott

Come, let us sing! And make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise to God. Come, let us sing!

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6 NRSV)

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

All: sing praises to our King, sing praises.

HYMN #4 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* (please stand if able)

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you,
While in essence only one; undivided God we claim you,
And adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God,
for the times we have followed the path of the wicked,
stood in solidarity with those who were wrong,
or sat quietly and allowed sin to happen, forgive us.
Help us to meditate, even delight, in your Word
so that we will flourish with the fruit of your Spirit.....
(time for us to offer silent prayers of confession)
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

GLORIA PATRI

(please stand if able)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

(please stand if able)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – “*The Peace of Christ*”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

.....Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

OFFERTORY*I Believe In Springtime*

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I believe in springtime fresh and new and bright. I believe in morning dew and shining morning light. I believe in sunbeams melting all the snow; and I believe when winter's done the streams will run and rivers flow.

I believe in eagles soaring up so high. I believe in trees and mountains reaching to the sky. I believe in green things; all the gifts of earth; growing up from tiny seeds that spring has brought to birth. I believe in summer, I believe in fall; but most of all I believe in God Who made it and blessed it all.

I believe in people, living all as one; sharing all their songs and laughter, happiness and fun. I believe in friendship; taking time to care; and feeling sure of someone else, and someone feeling glad you're there. Then I start to wonder how it all might be if the world could live together just like you and me.

I believe in hoping; I believe in prayer; I believe in trying hard and learning how to share. I believe in dreaming; and when dreams are through, then I believe in trusting God to help me make dreams come true.

DOXOLOGY *(please stand if able)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION*(from PCUSA Mission Yearbook)*

God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
(please be seated)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 1: 12-17, 21-26

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Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PROFESSION OF FAITH BY CONFIRMANDS**PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS****CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Leader: Let us welcome these who have professed their faith.

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in the Lord Jesus!

HYMN #757*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples**(stand if able)*

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE***Psalm XIX*

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