

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 6, 2018

9:45 A.M.

PRELUDE

Be Still My Soul

arr. Bjorck

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 (from Psalm 98)

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

People: The LORD has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

People: Let the sea roar and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Leader: Let the floods clap their hands, let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD.

People: Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. Let us worship the LORD.

HYMN #465

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

(please stand if able)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done Your will,
we have broken Your law,
we have rebelled against Your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
and have claimed as our own what belongs to You.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.....(*time for us to offer silent prayers of confession*)

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

(9:45 only)

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*The One*

Courtney

On the swiftest wings of morning, from the highest King of Heaven, comes a holy invitation to a feast. Interceding for His children, at the right hand of the Father, He invites us all, the most unto the least. The One who knows your name has bid you, "Come." The One who bore your shame, God's only Son, has prepared a celebration as a gift from God above; a sacrament of peace, a feast of love.

Gather now around God's table, feel the splendor of the Savior, as He serves the fragrant bread and pours the wine. Then in grateful adoration of His blood and body given, praise the One who offers us the feast divine. The One who knows your name has bid you, "Come" The One who bore your shame, God's only Son, has prepared a celebration as a gift from God above; a sacrament of peace, a feast of love.

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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)*

Gracious Lord, thank You for Your blessings. Whether in plenty or with little, teach us to be cheerful givers and give from a full heart that serves and uses Your gifts in ways that will bless others. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. *(please be seated)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15: 9-17

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As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION*"You've Got A Friend.....Maybe...."*

Don Lincoln

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We will partake of the Sacrament by intinction; you are invited to come forward row by row. Take bread from the basket, dip it in the chalice, partake of the elements, return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated and elements will be brought to you. The right section is gluten-free bread.

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Prayer

HYMN #317 *In Christ There Is No East or West* (stand if able)

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

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