

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Please take note: There will be no congregational singing and no unison readings during the service. All music will be provided by the Music Director and soloists, and readings will be done by the Pastor and Deacon.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

The Family Room at the rear of the sanctuary is available for anyone experiencing difficulty worshipping in the sanctuary.

INTROIT “We Gather Here, O God” *Andrew Foster*

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love - neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers - a community of kindred hearts.

People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know - strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.

People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here. In me, in you, in each of us, God’s Spirit shines for all to see.

People of God, come...let us worship together!

HYMN “God of Generations”
Dale Magnuson, Andrew Foster, Sangho Nam

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus the Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone.

**If you are able to do so comfortably, please stand*

Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive our sins and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God hears the confession of our hearts and lips.

Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.

*GLORIA PATRI (read by Deacon)

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

SERMON “**Blest Be the Ties that Bind**”

HYMN “Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet” *Dale Magnuson*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastoral Prayer (including prayer concerns)

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response “With Grateful Heart, I Thank You, Lord” *Kim Kuda*

DELIGHTING IN GIVING

(The offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary.)

Invitation to Present Our Offerings

*Prayer of Dedication

What we have, we bring: our good intentions, our unknown motives...our uncertainties about life, our grasp of truth...our time, our uneasiness with what is...we offer this in the midst of what remains unspoken, and affirm that it is received. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “God, Whose Love is Always Stronger”
Andrew Foster

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

GUEST PASTOR - Rev. Jonathan Ryder
MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda
DEACON & LAY READER - Robin Smith
SOLOISTS - Andrew Foster, Kim Kuda, Dale Magnuson, Sangho Nam



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