

Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 30, 2022 – 10:15 a.m.

PRESERVICE SONG

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found.
Brought here together by Christ’s love, by love we are thus bound.
With grateful joy and holy fear, His charity we learn.
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love Him in return.

Forgive we now each other’s faults as we our faults confess.
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease.
Be God’s the glory that we seek, be ours, His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, His only Son.
As members of His body joined we are in Him made one.
For love excludes no race or clan that names the Savior’s name;
His family embraces all whose Father is the same.

arr. Joshua Chai

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WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Your Love Awakens Me”

There were walls between us.
By the cross You came and broke them down, You broke them down.
And there were chains around us.
By Your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.
You called my name and then my heart came alive.

Chorus:

Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.

Feel the darkness shaking. All the dead are coming back to life. I'm back to life.
Hear the song awaken All creation singing, "we're alive 'Cause You're alive!"

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.
You called my name and then my heart came alive.

Chorus:

Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.

And what a love we've found. Death can't hold us down.
We shout it out: We're alive 'cause You're alive!

And what a love we've found. Death can't hold us down.
We shout it out: We're alive 'cause You're alive! *Repeat*

Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me. *Repeat*

Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

JEREMIAH 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶ Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷ But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.” ⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

HYMN OF PRAISE

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And through eternity I’ll sing on.

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THE EPISTLE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12:31b-13:13

³¹ And I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

We stand for the Reading of the Holy Gospel.

THE GOSPEL READING

LUKE 4:31-44

³¹ And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³² and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³ And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴ "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ³⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶ And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" ³⁷ And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. ³⁸ And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹ And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. ⁴⁰ Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹ And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. ⁴² And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³ but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." ⁴⁴ And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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THE SERMON

REV. GLENN LUCAS

"A More Excellent Way"

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

APOSTLES CREED

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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MUSICAL OFFERING

ABIDING PRAISE

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Love One Another"

And Jesus said to them, "You shall love the Lord your God.
Believe with all your heart, with all your soul and all your mind."
This is the great and first commandment.

Chorus:

"Receive a new commandment I give unto you,
That you love one another: just as I have loved you.
By this they'll know you're my disciples.

Receive a new commandment Believe it from the start
That you love one another: Deep within your hearts
And those who follow me will receive this new command
By this they'll know you're my disciples."

"If you abide in me, and if my words abide in you,
Ask what you may wish, and then it will be done for you.
By this you shall be my disciples." *Chorus*

You shall love the Lord Almighty, And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.
You shall love the Lord Almighty, And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.
You shall love the Lord Almighty, And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.
You shall love the Lord Almighty, And your neighbor as yourself. *Chorus*

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