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Conference Call Worship Service

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Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 26th, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Understanding is having clear insight into ideas and feelings. We thoughtfully seek to comprehend the full truth. We are mindful of what is most important. We are deeply present to others with compassion and accuracy, helping them to discern their own clarity. We go the extra mile to put ourselves in another's shoes in order to forgive. We treasure knowledge, and use our minds as tools to explore what is real and true. We cherish the ability to see the whole picture.

(Virtues Project)

If one is master of one thing and understands one thing well, one has, at the same time, insight into and understanding of many things. (Vincent Van Gogh)

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Praising God

Prelude "Lord of the Dance" with "Were You There"
arr. Joel Raney



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us take a moment to be mindful of our thoughts and feelings as we prepare to enter into worship...

Have you ever searched high and low for something only to realize it was sitting right in front of you all the time? Sometimes we look, but do not see. We listen, but do not hear, we touch but do not truly feel. The disciples walked and talked with Jesus on the road to Emmaus, but they did not recognize him. May our worship open our eyes, ears and hearts to be present to the risen Christ. Let us proclaim our faith as we worship and celebrate this good news, Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer (together)

Easter God, we have come to celebrate Your life among us and to marvel at the power of Your love in our lives. Help us to recognize You in the faces and actions of the people around us. Encourage us to hear Your voice in our lives and teach us to be at one with You with every breath we take. Amen.

Hymn (224) "Sing a Happy Hallelujah" vs.1&4

1 Sing a happy hallelujah,
sing it out with heart and style,
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.

**Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!**

4 Every day sing hallelujah!
We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word! **R**

Prayer for Grace (together)

God of transformation, we doubt that new life is possible when upsetting things happen or when we have setbacks. We want to crawl back into cocoons of old ways and old habits. But against the odds, the discouraged followers of Jesus felt Him to be present, so present that they began to recognize Him in the faces of others. Be with us, O God, as we seek to walk with You this day. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Changes in attitudes and perspectives are only possible when we open ourselves up to seeing the Christ in ourselves and in every person we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:13-35 L. Clubine-Ito
(Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus.)



Solo "As We Walked Home at Close of Day"
L. Lazar, Soprano

Sermon "Taking a Second Look" Rev. Cooper

Hymn (595) "We Are Pilgrims" vs. 1 & 4

- 1 We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

- 4 I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

Responding to God

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (together)

**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.**

Hymn (186) "Now the Green Blade Rises" vs. 1 & 3

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again, like wheat arising green.

- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again, like wheat arising green.

Commissioning and Benediction

May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with kindness,
And give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
(Irish Blessing)

Postlude "Jesus Shall Reign"
John Hatton, arr. C. Berry

Thank you for joining in to listen to the Conference Call Worship Service today. We hope you gained new insights and understandings about your faith and life. We are living through uncertain times and it is nice to know we are together in this time of worship. May your hearts be touched with a spirit of peace and calm, knowing God is always with you to guide, support and care for you.

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Many thanks to B. Kai for coordinating our Conference Call, to L. Clubine-Ito for reading our scripture, and to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

God bless you, stay well, stay safe and we hope you tune in next week...same day, same time, same phone number.

May you have a Blessed Easter Season!

