

Pentecost 3A
Online Worship Bulletin
June 21, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord listens to us in times of trouble and joy.

We call to the Lord in our anxiety and fear.

God will not turn away from us.

God will heal us and restore us.

Let the Lord of life enter into your spirits.

Lord, come to us and heal our brokenness and sorrow.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, come to us in our fears and frustrations. We feel unable to serve and often beaten down by life. Give us courage and strength and help us joyfully serve you by serving others. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

Amen.

HYMN *Awake, My Soul, And With The Sun* by: T. Ken & F.H. Barthélémon

Awake, my soul, and with the sun

your daily stage of duty run;

Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise

To pay your morning sacrifice.

Lord, I my vows to You renew.

Disperse my sins as morning dew;

Guard my first springs of thought and will,

And with Yourself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest, this day,

All I design or do or say,

That all my powers, with all their might,

In Your sole glory may unite.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we are so beaten down by life. We see the shadows all around us and shrink away from your light in our fears. We turn our backs on others because we don't believe that we have anything to offer. Our attitudes

and our actions often reflect anger and hostility rather than compassion and hope. Please forgive us, Lord. Please heal and restore us to wholeness and hope. Give us courage to be your disciples. We ask this in Jesus' Name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus does not say that discipleship is easy. He says that we are called to serve and that he will be with us. That is truly good news. Our service will be supported and encouraged by our Lord who has healed and restored us.

We will rejoice! For we have been called and made whole by the love of God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:18-24

SERMON

A Muscular Jesus?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

HYMN *Lord, I Want To Be A Christian*

African-American Spiritual

***Lord, I want to be a Christian
ina my heart, ina my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian ina my heart.
Ina my heart, ina my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian ina my heart.***

***Lord, I want to be more loving
ina my heart, ina my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving ina my heart.
Ina my heart, ina my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving ina my heart.***

***Lord, I want to be more holy
ina my heart, ina my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy ina my heart.
Ina my heart, ina my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy ina my heart.***

***Lord, I want to be like Jesus
ina my heart, ina my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus ina my heart.
Ina my heart, ina my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus ina my heart.***

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's written prayers are by Nancy C. Townley for the *ministrymatters.com* website.

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