

Pentecost 4A
Online Worship Bulletin
June 28, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

He Reigns Above

by: G. Blake

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together today to affirm our oneness in the Lord our God.

We affirm our oneness with the members of our family.

They who love brother or sister or father or mother more than me, says the Lord, are not worthy of me.

We affirm our oneness with all the citizens of our nation.

They who love their country more than me, says the Lord, are not worthy of me.

We affirm our oneness with all other Christians.

They who love their religion more than me, says the Lord, are not worthy of me.

Give us the courage, O God; to take up the cross and follow you in the spirit of Jesus.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of hope, when the dark clouds assail, you ask us to bear the light of your love and truth. When fears seem to immobilize us, you give us courage and strength to bear your witness. We thank you for your call to us. We praise you for your sustaining love for us. We honor you with our lives and our service to you; for it is in Christ's Name, we offer this prayer.

Amen.

HYMN

Ye Servants of God

by: C. Wesley & W. Croft

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,

And publish abroad his wonderful name;

The name all-victorious of Jesus extol;

His kingdom is glorious He rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;

And still He is nigh, His presence we have;

***The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.***

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"

Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;

*The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.*

*Then let us adore, and give Him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, each and every day you offer to us new hope and special blessings. From the rising of the sun to its descent, the light of your love pours on your creation. We love all these things, but we want to hold onto each of your blessings just for ourselves. Teach us to share openly and willingly with others. Forgive our selfishness and turn it to selflessness in service to you. Clear our minds and spirits from sadness to a sense of joy and adventure.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! God has again blessed our lives with hope and joy.
We can be at peace, for God is with us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 10:34-42

SERMON *It's Not About You*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

*We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.*

We trust in God.

*We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.*

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life

by: F.M. North & L.v. Beethoven

*Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear your voice, O Son of Man.*

*In haunts of wretchedness and need,
On shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,
From paths where hide the lures of greed,
We catch the vision of your tears.*

*From tender childhood's helplessness,
From human grief and burdened toil,
From famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
Your heart has never known recoil.*

*The cup of water given for you
Still holds the freshness of your grace;*

***Yet long these multitudes to view
The sweet compassion of your face.***

***O Master, from the mountainside,
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again;***

***Till all the world shall learn your love,
And follow where your feet have trod;
Till glorious from your heaven above
Shall come the city of our God.***

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Footsteps of Jesus

by: L. Smith

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

Tatiana Akhounzianova is the church organist and our pianist for these online services.