

Pentecost 5A
Online & Outdoor Worship Bulletin
August 2, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE:

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to a celebration of God's love for us!

We surely need to see that love; stresses weigh us down.

You've come to the right place. This is a place where all of us can seek God's presence and share our deepest inmost concerns with God.

We are glad to hear that, for we wrestle with our faith far too often.

Don't fear! God is with you always, loving and transforming your lives.

Lord of mercy and compassion, be in our hearts this day. Help us to reach out with love to others.

OPENING PRAYER

In the darkness of night and the brightness of day, you, O Lord, are present to us. As we wrestle with situations which seem to drain us of our energy; as we struggle to find out who you call us to be, you reach out to us with reassurance of empowerment and courage for the days ahead. Calm our spirits and prepare our hearts and lives to receive your awesome grace. It is in Jesus' name that we pray. Amen.

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy!

by R. Heber & J. B. Dykes

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye of sinfulness
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea

Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of mercy and hope, we come before you with fear. We know that we have fallen short of being the kind of disciples that you have called us to be. We have turned our backs on people in need; we have closed our ears to the cries of the voiceless. And so we hesitate to come before you because we believe that you are disappointed in us. Remind us again that you are merciful and your love transforms and changes our lives. When we falter and slide off the path of hope you place before us, you "pick us up and dust us off" and put us again on the trail, help us to be confident of your faithful presence with us. Forgive our weaknesses. Strengthen us and give us courage; help us to be bearers of your good news of peace. We pray this in Christ's name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Feel God's healing love pouring over you and into your lives. Know that God delights in each one of you and will always be present to you.

This is indeed the Good News of the Gospel. Thanks be to God! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32:22-31

SERMON

What's In A Name?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH=

from:

***We believe in God above us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.***

***We believe in Christ beside us,
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.***

***We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.***

***We believe in God's resurrection created world,
Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant
harmonies.***

***We believe in God above, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,***

We believe in God

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

Offertory:

HYMN *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

by: G. Matheson & A. L. Peace

***O Love, that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.***

***O Light, that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.***

***O Joy, that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,***

*And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.*

*O Cross, that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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