

Sunday Worship

July 12, 2020

Order of Worship



Welcome to Worship

Rev. Allison Benfield

Call to Worship

Chris Lavender & Noel Lance

Lord God, you are present everywhere in heaven, and on earth.

Your Spirit resides in each of us.

Guide us in all our doings

Let your vision for life be our vision for life.

Let the things that matter to you, matter to us.

God, we like Christ submit ourselves to your will.

**Keep our feet firmly planted on the path that leads to righteousness,
justice, and peace. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise 288

“O God of Vision”

LOBEN DEN HEREN

verses 1,2 & 3

O God of vision far greater than all human scheming,
gather us now in your presence, refreshing, redeeming.

Show us anew life in your breathtaking view,
lovely beyond all our dreaming.

Pour out your Spirit on all now assembled before you.

May our diversity here be a means to adore you.

Women and men, young, old, and youthful again,
make us as one, we implore you.

Grant to us insight, O God, for this time of decision.

May we dream challenging dreams of
both depth and precision.

Speak through the dark.

Dispel by lightning's bright spark,
whatever clouds dim our vision.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Meditation

*The kingdom of God is most certainly coming
and belongs to the honorable ones who are hopeless;
the kingdom of God makes glad the honorable ones who grieve;
the kingdom of God bequeaths the earth to the honorable ones
who are meek like Jesus;
the kingdom of God fills empty bellies and hearts of the honorable ones
who desire righteousness like Jesus';
the kingdom of God shows mercy to the honorable ones
who show mercy like Jesus showed mercy.
Give us courage to honor those whom Christ honored.
Amen.*

The Church at Prayer

Rev. Lee Gray

Andrew Adair, Emily Batts, Byron Bullard, Mary Chilton (mother of Amy Chilton), Carol Drye, Don Furr, Camille Green, Polly Hull, Gene Poole, Elma Thomas, Paislee, Alison Zieglmeier (daughter of Ken and Donna Scott), Barbara Ledford; Parker Jackson, military

Prayers and sympathy to the family of Robby Ray following the death of his father, Pete Dixon on July 1st. And to Libby Levie, as she and her family mourn the death of her cousin in Indiana

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 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.***

Offertory "I Thank God " James Kevin Gray
Dawn Anthony, soloist; Ric Bean Trio, accompanist

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Hymn "Blessed Are the Poor In Spirit" HYFERDOL
Text by Carolyn Gillet Winfrey Gillet

Blessed are the poor in spirit; all God's realm is surely theirs.
Those in mourning will find comfort as an answer to their prayers.
Meek ones whom this world despises will inherit everything.
God, your kingdom still surprises; may we seek the reign you bring.

Message Rev. Dr. Amy Chilton

Hymn "Blessed Are the Poor In Spirit" HYFERDOL

Those who share the peace God gives them will find blessings as God's own.
Those oppressed for faithful living will call heaven's kingdom Home.
When the world's ways seem distressing and we feel life's painful sting,
God, remind us of the blessings of the wondrous life you bring.

Commissioning the Scattered Church

Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Paul Manz

Today's worship leaders are Chris Lavender; Keith Towery; Rev. Allison Benfield, Minister for Spiritual Formation; Noel Lance, organist; Kevin Gray, Minister for Worship & Music; Rev. Lee Gray, Minister for Congregational Care; and Rev. Dr. Amy Chilton, guest preacher.