

# Sunday Worship

August 2, 2020

Order of Worship



Welcome to Worship

Rev. Allison Benfield

Call to Worship

Durning, Natalie and James Moore

One: Your heart, oh God, is pure; You seek only our good.

**You give us eyes to see You at work, wherever it may be.**

One: You create within us a pure and compassionate heart that reflects your own.

**We will follow You as You continue to teach us and guide us along Your path of wholeness. Amen**

Hymn of Praise 71

“Your Love O God ”

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Your Love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow,  
wide as the wind, and our eternal home.  
You leave us free to seek you or reject you,  
you give us room to answer “yes” or “no.”

But there are walls that keep us all divided;  
we fence each other in with hate and war.  
Fear is the bricks and mortar of our prison,  
our pride of self, the prison coat we wear.

O judge us, God, and in your judgement free us,  
and set our feet in freedom’s open space;  
Take us as far as your compassion wanders  
among the children of the human race.

Scripture Reading

Natalie, Chase and Kate Bailey

***Matthew 5:1-2, 8***

*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 pure of heart for they shall see God*

Song of Transformation

“Create in Me a Pure Heart, O God”

*Congregation will join on repeat*

Create in me a pure heart, O God, let me be like You in all my ways.  
Give me Your strength, teach me Your song; shelter me under the shadow of Your wings.  
For we are Your righteousness.  
If we die to ourselves and live through Your death,  
then we shall be born again to be blessed in Your love.

Prayer of Vision

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.

***Remember in Prayer***

Emily Batts, Byron Bullard, Don Furr, Polly Hull, Gene & Carol Poole, Elma Thomas,  
Paislee, Alison Zieglmeier (daughter of Ken and Donna Scott),  
Barbara Ledford, Elizabeth Laney  
Our Weekday School and Head Start students, staff, and their families.

Offertory

"O Love"  
Chancel Choir

*Elaine Hagenberg*

*O Love that will 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.*

Message

Rev. Dennis Foust, Ph.D.

Hymn of Discipleship 648 "Some There Are Who by Their Living" ABBOTS LEIGH

Some there are who by their loving lift us to a higher plane,  
Finding joy disclosed in sorrow, healing hidden in their pain.  
They are drawn by brighter visions, glad to give all they possess  
For a greater good, discovering holier depths of happiness.

Some there are who by their living lead us far beyond our fears,  
Showing us by their compassion hatred washed away by tears.  
When contempts that we inherit fill us with hostility,  
We have hope because of persons who have known love's liberty.

Some there are who by their dying draw us closer to the Light,  
Finding earth a blessed journey into that most gracious night.  
When we feel the sting of knowing that our days are brief and swift,  
We remember those whose living met each moment as a gift.

Thanks to God for those inviting us to live more faithfully!  
Thanks to God for those who show us richer lives of charity!  
Thanks for those we see no longer, but whose mem'ries in us lie!  
Thanks to God for those who teach us how to live and how to die!

## Commissioning the Scattered Church

Postlude

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

*Douglas Wagner*

J. Noel Lance, organist

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