

Sunday Worship

August 30, 2020

Order of Worship



Welcome

Rev. Allison Benfield

Call to Worship

Jason & Hutch Benton

One: A love that never ceases.

All: **A creativity that designed the universe.**

One: A hope that can never be quenched.

All: **A pursuit of reconciliation no matter what the cost.**

One: These are the things that are of God.

All: **Then let us worship God.**

Hymn of Praise 62

“Creator God, Creating Still”

CORONATION

Creator God, creating still, by will and word and deed,
create a new humanity to meet the present need.
Create a new humanity to meet the present need.

Redeemer God, redeeming still, with overflowing grace,
pour out your love on us, through us, make this a holy place.
Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a holy place.

Sustainer God, sustaining still, with strength for every day,
empower us now to do your will. Correct us when we stray.
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Scripture Reading

Jia Lin

Acts 15:1-11 Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.”

The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

Prayers of the Church

Rev. Lee Gray

The Lord's Prayer

Malotte

John Fortson, soloist

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

Polly Hull, Gene & Carol Poole, Tom Bryson, Barbara Ledford, Elizabeth Laney,
Elma Thomas, Andrew Adair, Alison Zieglmeier (daughter of Ken and Donna Scott)

The family of Sue Rappe following her passing on August 21st.

Hymn 588

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

ADELAIDE

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Song

"Change"
Tarsha Williams, soloist

James Kevin Gray

Message

Rev. Nate Dove

Hymn of Response 658

“Restless Weaver”

BEACH SPRING

Restless Weaver, ever spinning threads of justice and shalom;
Dreaming patterns of creation where all creatures find a home;
Gathering up life's varied fibers every texture, every hue:
grant us your creative vision.
With us weave your world anew.

Commissioning the Scattered Church

Postlude

Allegro Maestro on Come Thou Fount
J Noel Lance, organist

arr. Jeff Perks

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