

Sunday Worship

September 6, 2020

Order of Worship



Welcome

Rev. Lee Gray

Call to Worship

From Psalm 119

Rev. Nate & Emma Dove

Cantor: Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path.

One: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

All: **I am severely afflicted; revive me, O Lord, according to your word.**

One: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,

All: **teach me your ordinances.**

Cantor: Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path.

One: I risk my life continually, but I do not forget your law.

All: **The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.**

One: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

All: **I stretch my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.**

Cantor: Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path.

Hymn of Praise

“Happy Are Those Who Walk in Your Way”

ASSURANCE

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Happy are those who walk in your ways;
Happy are those, Lord, who keep your decrees.
By our obeying, we give you praise!
We find your path that blesses and frees!

Refrain:

Grace is a gift that comes from your hand.
How can we thank you? What can we do?
Fixing our eyes on what you command,
We can live each day faithful to you.

Sweeter than honey, reason for joy,
Lamp to our feet and a light to our way,
Comfort and shield when sin would destroy —
All your commandments guide us each day.

Refrain

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

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

Anthem

“The Heavens Are Telling”
Chancel Choir

F. J. Haydn

Epistle Reading

David Allen

Romans 13:8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Hymn

“Your Word Is Like a Lamp to Me”

HE LEADETH ME
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

You speak your word in history,
To cultures bound by time and place.
Yet in the Bible we can see
The boundless reaching of your grace.

Refrain:

Your word is like a lamp, O Lord,
and like a light to guide our way;
for in this ever-changing world,
it bears your promise every day.

God, open wide each heart and mind
by your own Spirit, now we pray,
that in your scriptures we may find
new strength to serve you every day.

Refrain

Message

“A Lamp, the Law & Love”

Lia Benton

Hymn of Response 517

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Commissioning the Scattered Church

Postlude

Postlude on “Coronation”

arr. Jason Payne

J Noel Lance, organist

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