

Sunday, July 5, 2020 8:45 a.m.

Prelude

Announcements *Vicar Jason Christ, Director of Attract & Middle School Ministries*

Welcome *Rev. Dr. Charles E. Whited, Jr.*

Opening Hymn *O Bless the Lord, My Soul* *LSB Hymnal 814, verses 1-3*



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.

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Preparing for Worship, Confession and Absolution

Leader We gather for worship in the name of the Father, and the name of the Son, and the name of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Leader It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

People **To declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night.** *Psalms 92:1-2*

Leader The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

People **They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.** *Psalms 92:12-13*

Leader They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,

People **To declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.**

Psalms 92:14-15

Leader It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

People **To declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night.** *Psalms 92:1-2*

Leader Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance?

People **He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love.** *Micah 7:18*

Leader He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot.

People **You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.** *Micah 7:19*

Leader Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise *O Bless the Lord, My Soul* Hymnal 814, verse 6

6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.

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Scripture Readings

Reader God speaks to us through the Old Testament: Psalm 1:1–3

Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Reader God speaks to us through the New Testament: Ephesians 4:4–14

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Reader God speaks to us through the Gospel: John 13:5–17

People Glory to You, O Lord.

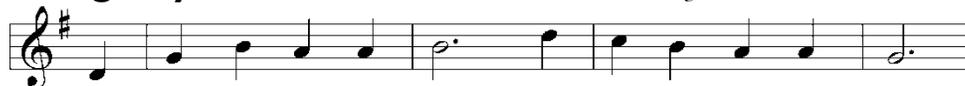
Reader Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.” When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O Christ.

(8:45) Children’s Message *Sue Steege, Director of Transformation Ministries*

Message Hymn *The Man Is Ever Blessed* Hymnal 705, verses 1-3



1 The man is ev - er blessed Who shuns the sin - ners' ways,
2 But makes the Law of God His stud - y and de - light
3 He like a tree shall thrive, With wa - ters near the root;



A - mong their coun-sels nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn-ers' place,
A - mid the la-bors of the day And watch-es of the night.
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live, His works are heav'n-ly fruit.

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Message *A New Way of Thinking About Spiritual Growth* Rev. Dr. Charles E. Whited, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

People I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering and Personal Prayer

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For the Fruits of His Creation Hymnal 894, verse 1



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.

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Prayers of God's People

The Lord's Prayer

People 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Preparation for Lord's Supper

Leader The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take; eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People And also with you.

We welcome to the Lord's Table baptized believers who confess their sins, affirm their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and who accept that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, given for the forgiveness of sins.

The Invitation and Agnus Dei *(music found on page 163)*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Song During Lord's Supper

Jesus Comes Today with Healing Hymnal 620, verses 1-5



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

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Closing Hymn

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus Hymnal 660, verses 1-4



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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Blessing

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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