

A Worship Celebration

May 30, 2021

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

OPENING SONGS

“Here for You”

**Let our praise be Your welcome, Let our songs be a sign
We are here for You, We are here for You
Let Your breath come from heaven, Fill our hearts with Your life
We are here for You, We are here for You**

**To You our hearts are open, Nothing here is hidden
You are our one desire
You alone are holy, Only You are worthy
God let Your fire fall down**

**Let our shout be Your anthem, Your renown fill the sky
We are here for You, We are here for You
Let Your Word move in power, Let what's dead come to life
We are here for You, We are here for You**

**To You our hearts are open, Nothing here is hidden
You are our one desire
You alone are holy, Only You are worthy
God let Your fire fall down**

**To You our hearts are open, Nothing here is hidden
You are our one desire,
You alone are holy, Only You are worthy
God let Your fire fall down, let it fall**

**We welcome You with praise, We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love be welcome in this place
We welcome You with praise, We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love be welcome in this place**

**Let ev'ry heart adore, Let ev'ry soul awake
Almighty God of love be welcome in this place
We welcome You with praise, We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love be welcome in this place**

“Your Love Awakens”

**There were walls between us
By the cross You came and broke them down
You broke them down
There were chains around us
By Your grace we are no longer bound
No longer bound**

**You called me out of the grave
You called me into the light
You called my name and then my heart came alive**

**Chorus: Your love is greater, Your love is stronger
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me
Your love is greater, Your love is stronger
Your love awakens awakens awakens me**

**Feel the darkness shaking
All the dead are coming back to life
I'm back to life
Hear the song awaken
All creation singing we're alive
'Cause You're alive**

**You called me out of the grave
You called me into the light
You called my name and then my heart came alive**

(Chorus)

**And what a love we've found
Death can't hold us down
We shout it out
We're alive 'cause You're alive! (4X)**

(Chorus)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, great and awesome God:
You commanded us to go to all nations and baptize them in
Your name.

People: We confess that we have been slow to share You with others.

Leader: You commanded us to teach others all You have commanded.

**People: We confess that we have not always been eager to share
Your Word.**

Leader: You commanded us to make disciples.

People: We confess that we have not always modeled obedience.

Leader: Hear us as we pray:

People: Forgive our sins!

Leader: Your God did what He commanded you to do. Jesus came to the world and made disciples. He taught them. And then, He died for them, and for you. Christ has removed your guilt forever. He has sent His Holy Spirit to teach you all things and then sanctify you in His truth. I therefore announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins! You have been cleansed by the Triune God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit!

People: Amen. We are forgiven.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOD'S WORD Matthew 23:13-36

¹³ “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in. ¹⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

¹⁶ “Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.’ ¹⁷ You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred? ¹⁸ And you say, ‘If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.’ ¹⁹ You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? ²⁰ So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. ²¹ And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it. ²² And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.

²³ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. ²⁴ You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

²⁵ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁶ You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

²⁷ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. ²⁸ So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

²⁹ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, ³⁰ saying, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ ³¹ Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. ³² Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. ³³ You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? ³⁴ Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, ³⁵ so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. ³⁶ Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

SONG OF THE DAY “Jesus, Be Near to Me”

**Jesus be near to me, Let me know You are here
How I need You, How I need You
To reveal Yourself to me**

**Jesus unveil Your power, Lord let me sense Your love
How I need You, How I need You
To reveal Yourself to me**

**Chorus: Through the thunderous storm
Or the still of the morning
Through a wonderous sign
Or a word in the nighttime
Through Your unchanging truth
Through the breath of Your Spirit
In my questions and pain
Whisper words of Your love, Always the same**

**Jesus be near to me, Let me know You are here
How I need You, How I need You
To reveal Yourself to me**

**Be near, be near to me
Reveal, reveal Yourself to me
Be near, be near to me
Reveal, reveal Yourself to me (back to chorus)**

THE MESSAGE

“And Another Thing!”

Pastor Marty Hufford

STATEMENT OF FAITH The Nicene Creed

Leader: The Nicene Creed was the product of two Christian councils held in the fourth Century. It settled the question of how Christians can worship one God and also claim that this God is three persons. It was also the first creed to obtain universal authority in the church, and it clearly stated that Christ was not a creation of God, nor subordinate to God, but co-equal with God the Father and with the Holy Spirit.

We join in the Nicene Creed:

**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 worshipped 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.**

SONG FOR PRAYER "Father, I Adore You"

**Father, I adore You,
Lay my life before You,
How I love You.**

**Jesus, I adore You,
Lay my life before You,
How I love You.**

**Spirit, I adore You,
Lay my life before You,
How I love You.**

PRAYERS

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And 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.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" vs. 1,3

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross
Lift high His royal banner It must not suffer loss
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus Stand in His strength alone
The arm of flesh will fail you Ye dare not trust your own
Put on the Gospel armor Each piece put on with prayer
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there**

OFFERINGS

May be placed in the baskets at the door
Thank you for your faithful support!

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Peace Prayer Page 5/30/2021

Peace's Prayer Ministry has a number of options available for your prayer needs: Prayer Ministers are available on an individual basis in the front of the Sanctuary after each Sunday service. During the week, you may contact the Church Office to have prayers listed on the Prayer Page and included during worship services. You may also contact the Peace Prayer Chain Ministry directly 24/7 via e-mail at prayerchain@peacehome.org which goes out to over 35 partners in prayer.

Our Country

...honoring **the memory of our military personnel** who died in the service of our country to protect our lives and our freedom

Thanksgiving

...for **the birth of Everly Grace R.** (granddaughter of Jeff and Carol R.) born 4 weeks early and in the NICU at Central Dupage Hospital
... for **our 4-year-old Peace Community Learning Center Graduates and for our PCLC Teachers**; may God bless the children as they move on to kindergarten and a new school. Also, thanks to God for our preschool ministry for a successful year in the midst of navigating the pandemic.

Healing & Care

...for **Mike L.** (friend of Steve N.) recovering from leukemia
...for **Edie F.** who has moved to assisted living and is diagnosed with dementia
...for **Cliff H.** recovering from several falls and suffering from dementia
...for **Ben** (nephew of Debbie K.) recovering from COVID
...for **Judy** (aunt of Leah C.) on hospice care
...for **Chris T.** undergoing treatment for cancer
...for **Patty** (best friend of Diana S.) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
...for **Judy** (mother of Nick P.) undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer
...for **Mitch K.** (Sharon Z.'s 20-year-old great-nephew) undergoing chemotherapy
...for **Jim H.**, being treated for liver cancer
...for **Mary Anne N.** on hospice care