



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, November 8, 2020)

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Prelude: **ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE**

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,

Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,

And bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour,

From rock and tempest, fire and flood, protect them where so e'er they go;

Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Glenn Fahrig, Liturgist

Please join me in the responsive Call to Worship:

People of God, bless the Lord.

We bless God's holy name!

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is God's steadfast love for us.

Let us worship and bless the Lord!

Opening Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;

Only thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Call to Confession

Because we do not always live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, we confess before God and with one another our sins and shortcomings. In repentance, let us turn toward God's grace and mercy. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our brothers and sisters. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling that we may reflect your life and walk in ways worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore, we will live as grateful and forgiven people! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, your Word surprises, challenges, upsets, and overturns our way of seeing and thinking. Come and find us today wherever we are, however we are. By the power of your Holy Spirit, cause that which is lifeless in us to blossom and that which is narrow to broaden until we see as you see, and thereby glimpse the kingdom you are bringing. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn After Sermon: "Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"

Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate.

Light is stronger than darkness; Life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours, victory is ours through God who loves us.

Victory is ours, victory is ours through God who loves us. (Repeat)

Invitation to offering

(Liturgist)

Grateful for the life and eternal life that we have in Jesus Christ, in joy we offer our gifts and lives to God. Please pray with me the prayer of dedication....

Prayer of Dedication

Generous and life-giving God, we are privileged to be counted among those whom you have called, graced to be given your work to do, blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgivings and our offerings. May they be useful in your hands to bring life and new beginnings out of death and despair. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Benediction

Postlude:

MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE (duet)

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:

Land where my parents died, land of the pilgrims' pride,

From every mountainside let freedom ring.

Our parents' God to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing:

Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;

Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, guitar,

David Maley, piano, Glenn Fahrig, liturgist, and

Jon Jelsma, technology team