

# Eastridge Presbyterian Church

## March 22, 2020

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Through times of joy, when all is well.

**People: The Lord our God will guide us.**

One: And through times of pain,  
when all is lost.

**People: The Lord our God will guide us.**

One: Through forty days of fasting now.

**People: The Lord our God will guide us.**

One: And through all things and days to come.

**People: The Lord our God will guide us.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

## ALL CREATURES

### Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Oh Praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Verse 3

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## LITURGIST

One: Holy One,  
Bridger of Distance,  
Connector of Beings,

**People: hear our prayer....**

One: In the midst  
of non-stop news stories  
about illness and scarcity,  
press conferences and cancellations...

**People: grant us quiet in our minds.**

One: In the midst  
of heightened anxiety  
about caregivers and caregiving,  
about health and hygiene,

**People: grant us calm in our hearts.**

One: In the midst  
of opposing views:  
close doors or stay open,  
reach out or hunker down...

**People: grant us peace in our spirits.**

One: In the midst  
of distance  
in our families, our faith communities,  
in all our relationships with others...

**People: grant us connection in our separation.**

One: In the midst  
of our lives:  
our gratitude and concerns,  
our hopes and longings...

**People: grant us an abiding sense  
of Your Comfort.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## **WORSHIP CONNECTION**

**SCRIPTURE:****1 JOHN 3:11-18**

For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

## SERMON

## “A HEART FOR OTHERS”

### Focus Verse:

*How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?*

*1 John 3:17*

*Although many, we might even say most, strangers in this world become easily the victim of a fearful hostility, it is possible for men and women and obligatory for Christians to offer an open and hospitable space where strangers can cast off their strangeness and become our fellow human beings.*

*Henry J. M. Nouwen, Reaching out: The Three Movements of the spiritual life (New York: Doubleday, 1975), 65.*

## SONG OF DEDICATION

## BE THOU MY VISION

### Verse 1

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence, my light

### Verse 2

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou my inheritance, now and always  
Thou and Thou only are first in my heart  
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art

### Verse 3

Great God of Heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright Heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

### Bridge

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Response:

*Compassionate Lord, receive our prayer.*

*[A time of silence may follow each petition.]*

## 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.**

## SONG OF SENDING

## HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

### Verse 1

The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

### Chorus

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

### Verse 2

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge

Name above all names

Worthy of all praise

My heart will sing

How great is our God

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**