



April 26, 2020

9:30 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Langston Hughes

What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun? Does it fester like a sore, then ooze and run? Does it stink like rotten meat? Does it crust and sugar over like a syrupy sweet? Does a deferred dream just sag like a heavy load, or does it just explode?

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Craig

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

RINGING OF THE BOWL, POURING OF THE WATER, PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Written by Billy Collins

Can you see them standing politely on the white pages we were still learning to turn? Jane in a blue jumper, Dick with crayon brown hair, playing with a ball, or exploring the cosmos of their backyard unaware they were our first characters. Beyond the simple illustration of Dick and Jane were other protagonists waiting in a huddle: frightening Heathcliff, frightened Pip, Nick Adams carrying a fishing rod. Emma Bovary riding into Rouen. We read about the perfect boy and his sister, even before Adam and Eve, garden and gate, before we ever heard the name Gutenberg. It was always Saturday, and he and she were always pointing at something, shouting "Look!" Pointing at the dog Spot, the bicycle, at their father as he pushed the lawnmower, waving at aproned mother framed in the kitchen window, pointing toward the sky. They wanted us to look, but we had looked already. We had seen the shaded lawn, the wagon, the postman. We had seen, walked, watered and fed the animal. Now it was time to discover the infinite clicking permutations of the alphabet's small and capital letters. Alphabetical ourselves in the rows of classroom desks, we were forgetting how to look, learning how to read.

OPENING HYMN*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

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Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin and double cure,
cleansing from guilt and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Diane

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us Lord, for wanting the world to revolve around us, our wants, our desires. Forgive us, for valuing our money and our comforts, more than the health and safety of others. We have taken life for granted, taken our health and faith for granted, taken our partner, our family, even you for granted. We celebrated Easter, each of us in behind the door of our homes, making due with ham and lamb, colored eggs, watching worship. We never questioned the suffering of God at the death of God's son. We never questioned that the doctor would be there when we needed. We have been irritable, resentful and anxious, because our routine has been interrupted for six weeks. Open our eyes to see the business trying to stay open, the clerk trying to serve us from behind a partition and mask. Dear God, we cannot imagine doing this for months, let alone years, or how we have to change. Lord, when the diagnosis is cancer, the rest of us soften a bit, we give the other room and grace and understanding; help us in this season to all soften a bit toward one another, giving grace and room and understanding because the world is sick and quarantined. We pray through the risen Christ. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

CHILDRENS MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting

Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"¹⁹ "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people."²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him;²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive.²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther.²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

SERMON

The Emmaus Road

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

p. 35

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

CALL FOR OFFERING**OFFERTORY***Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

arr. Kaiser/Colvin

Duet: Jamie Reed; Wes Moulton

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**HYMN***Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

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Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

THE BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Because He Lives*

And because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives

POSTLUDE *Wonderful Words of Life* arr. C. Berry

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Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Doris Simmons

Flowers given by: Geneva Halliday

In honor of the Patio Sale Committee

Other Announcements

Contributions are welcome in the Church Office or by Electronic Bank Transfer.

During this time, if people would like to make special Capital Fund donations for the Sound System, Security, the Solar System, etc., just make a note of the above on the memo portion of your check.

VPC Financial / Attendance Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance	
March-2020		Through Week # 16	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 67,359	2020 Attendance	**
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 106,520	2019 Attendance	479
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 197,849	*YTD 2020 Attendance	5272
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 263,233	*YTD 2019 Attendance	7110
**as of noon 4/21/20 number of on line devices tuned into Sunday service = 278			
D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2020 Per Capita is \$46.00 per member			