



**June 7, 2020**

**9:30 a.m.**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor Craig

**MINUTE FOR MINISTRY**

**RINGING OF THE BOWL, POURING OF THE WATER**

**PRELUDE**

*You Raise Me Up*

Arr. J. Stevens

Jamie Reed, piano; Wes Moulton, organ

**THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Typically on the first Sunday morning of the month we read the Scriptures, listen to their interpretation in Sermon, then share the Sacrament of Communion. Right now the world seems topsy turvy, everyone broken, anxious, feeling afraid and angry. Therefore it seems right and proper to begin with Communion. To begin with affirmation that we are broken and in need of forgiveness. I am a part of your lives and you are a part of my own, and we are part of God's heart, because we are the body of Christ Jesus our LORD.

**OPENING HYMN***Morning Has Broken*

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Morning has broken like the first morning;  
black bird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor Craig

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING****THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS****DOXOLOGY**

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**ANTHEM***Here I Am, Lord*

D. Schutte

Marie Valade, soloist; Joan Dakin, guitar

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Gove them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4

**1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. **3** And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. **6** And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." **7** So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. **8** God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. **9** And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. **10** God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. **11** Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. **12** The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. **14** And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. **16** God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. **17** God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, **18** to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. **20** And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." **21** So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **22** God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." **23** And

there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” <sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” <sup>29</sup> Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. **2** Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. <sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. <sup>4</sup> This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

### **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.**

O LORD, Our LORD, Thy majesty is sung in all the earth; who hung the moon and stars in space and gave to us, Thy human race, from dust a noble birth.

How vast the heavens, how small are we, and yet we feel Thy care. O who are we to own such grace, to see Thy glory face to face, Thy goodness everywhere.

Dear LORD, Creator good and kind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find, in deeper reverence praise.

**SERMON**

## IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH****The Confession of 1967 9.44**

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In his reconciling love, Christ overcomes the barriers between brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all men (and women) to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church and the exercise of political rights. Therefore the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize their fellowmen, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

**HYMN***God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

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God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand,  
God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the Land:  
you are womb of all creation; we are formless; shape us now.

God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth,  
God the table turning prophet, God the resurrected truth:  
you are present every moment; we are searching; meet us now.

**THE INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING****OFFERTORY***We Shall Overcome*

arr. Mark Hayes

**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.

**THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN**

*God of the Sparrow*

God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe how does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home

**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**

*Amazing Grace*

Arr. M. Hayes

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**Flowers given by:** Kristine Sells  
**In Loving Memory of Charles Sells**

VPC Financial / Attendance Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance	
May-2020		Through Week # 22 (5/31/20)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 62,345	2020 Attendance	**
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 48,862	2019 Attendance	226
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 314,817	*YTD 2020 Attendance	5272
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 379,533	*YTD 2019 Attendance	8558
*YTD = Year to Date     **as of noon 6/2/20 number of on line devices tuned into Sunday service = 280			
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