



June 14, 2020

Week 14 of Covid19

9:30 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Historically the Church Year was comprehended in two cycles, Christmas and Easter. Each Cycle had a season of Preparation (Advent from Thanksgiving until Christmas; Lent 40 days plus Sundays up to Easter); a Season of Celebration (Christmas lasts 12 Nights; Easter for 50 Days); a Season of Witness (Epiphany and Pentecost). Several years ago, in every Church throughout the world, there was a shift to recognize that Epiphany and Pentecost had been Festival Days, so the seasons after those days were "Ordinary Time". Ordinary did not refer to being plain/simple/normal or routine, but from the Latin word "Ordinal" referring to the ringing of bells in churches to identify the hour and day before people had clocks and calendars. March 15 in these United States, was our beginning of isolation and formal social distancing, so we have now been 14 weeks in this "COVID19 time", this "uncertain time", a temporary season this year when we pray for the opportunity as a congregation to congregate and be healthy.

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Craig

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

RINGING OF THE BOWL, POURING OF THE WATER

PRELUDE*Girl with the Flaxen Hair*

Debussy

Christine Vivona, harp

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

We live in that far future our founders could not see, that strange new world and culture that time would bring to be. Yet, God gave them a vision and fed their prayer and praise inspiring their decision to build for future days. When we sing God's glory and do God's Word, we pass along the story that our own parents heard and told to us confessing how they themselves received the gospel and its blessing from parents who believed. The seed we sow for reaping will ripen to the ear while we in Christ are sleeping and waiting until we hear in one quick eyelid's flutter the final trumpet call when age to age shall utter that God is all in all.

OPENING HYMN*Come, Thou Almighty King*

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Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.

Come holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

THE PSALTER Psalm 4 (Hymntune *Slane* "Be Thou My Vision") Pastor Craig

God of all righteousness, hear when we pray: In my distress be my hope and stay;
long have I suffered revilement and shame, Great God of mercy, I call on Your name.

Angry, yet silent, I know there will be justice according to holy decree;
never to answer corruption in kind, but in Your promise true peace will I find.

When those around me my faith would confound, may I rejoice in Your gifts that
abound;
Peace and assurance all discord withstand, Safely we rest in the palm of Your hand.

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.

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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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM

All Hail the Power

Holden/Arr. J. Raney

Jamie Reed, piano; Wes Moulton, organ

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-8

18 The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. ³He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say." ⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread." ⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

SERMON

The Promise of Laughter

Pastor Craig

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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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

