



September 27, 2020

CARPORT CHURCH

Pastor Craig

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PASSING OF PEACE, OUTPOURING OF THE WATER & SPIRIT

PRELUDE

Kol Nidre

arr: Rozin/Moulton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 21: 23-32

Pastor Diane

They asked him while he was teaching, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus responded, "Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" They argue with one another, answering him "We do not know." And Jesus responded, "Then neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things." Jesus said, "What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Go and work in the vineyard today.' The child responded, 'I will not'; but later changed his mind and went. The father went to his second son and said the same, and this one responded 'I go sir', but did not. Which of the two did the will of the father?" The people said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, tax collectors and prostitutes are going into heaven ahead of you. For the Baptizer came to you in the way in the way of righteousness and you did not believe. Tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. And even after you saw that you did not change your minds and believe.

O Love, that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

CALL TO PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, threats to this world do not wane, dangers are not imagined, the power to undo is on the loose. AND we know that in the midst, you speak your creative, redemptive word. Your Word cuts through threats, siphons off danger, tames the powers of this world. LORD, you speak and all is made new. You speak your true self of abiding faithfulness, of durable presence, of long-standing reliability. You give your self in the utterance "Fear not" and we no longer fear. We do not fear because you are with us, so safe, with us so free, with us so joyous. We had diminished our lives in feeble anxiety, and you veto our anxiety. We cheapened our neighbor by frantic greed, but you more than satiate our greed, you satisfy and nurture our being. We had polluted our world in a lust for safety and security, and you detoxify our mess. Precious Lord, override the fickleness of it all, grant us faith commensurate with your true being and abiding self. 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 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 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 TIME

ANTHEM

There'll Be Peace in the Valley

T. Dorsey

Soloist - Diane Hartley

I am tired and weary but I must toil on
Till the Lord comes to call me away.
Where the morning is bright and the Lamb is the light
And the night is as fair as the day.

There'll be peace in the valley for me someday,
There'll be peace in the valley for me.
I pray no more sorrow and sadness or trouble will be,
There'll be peace in the valley for me.

There the bear will be gentle, the wolf will be tame,
And the lion will lay down by the Lamb.
The host from the wild will be led by a Child,
I'll be changed from the creature I am.

No headaches or heartaches or misunderstands,
No confusion or trouble won't be,
No frowns to defile just a big endless smile,
There'll be peace and contentment for me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-12, Philippians 2:1-13

Water From the Rock

Exodus 17:1-12

17 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?” ³But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?” ⁴Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The Amalekites Defeated

8 The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. **9** Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.” **10** So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. **11** As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. **12** When Moses’ hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset.

Philippians 2:1-13

Imitating Christ’s Humility

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature[Ⓜ] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature^{1a} of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Do Everything Without Grumbling

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

SERMON

The Weariness of Moses

Pastor Craig

HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

834

Precious Lord, take my hand;
lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light;
take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

(with Piano Concerto #21 by Mozart) A.L.Peace/Arr. L. McKechnie

Jamie Reed - piano, Wes Moulton - organ

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

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING HYMN

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

839

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echos of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

**With ev'ry breath I take, let this be my solemn vow.
 To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
 Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

POSTLUDE *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* E.B. Lloyd/Arr. M. Hayes

All taped Worship Services are available for replay on the
[Special Video Worship Page.](#)

**The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates this
 Witness to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ:**
 David Nutting September 23

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:
 Peter Lammers, Shirley Pascal

**Flowers given by: Kylene Joplin
 In Honor & Loving Memory of Jimmy Joplin**

Announcements

The Women's Ministry will be having a Gathering on Tuesday, September 29th at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your own brown bag lunch and drink. Social distancing will be practiced and masks are required except while eating. Pastor Diane will lead the first lesson in the Bible study for 2020-21, *Into the Light*. The presentation will also be taped and available through the website. Please call Liz Haynes if you plan to attend at 601-606-1738 or email to ehaynes@netdoor.com.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
August-2020		Through Week # 38 (9/20/20)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 50,091	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	0
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 44,043	* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary	5272
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 460,151	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	175
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 489,532	** YTD 2020 Viewing On-Line	6743
		* YTD 2020 Attendance / On-Line	12015
		* YTD 2019 Attendance	12079
* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - <u>dxb38@cox.net</u> - 520-399-3959 2020 Per Capita is \$46.00 per member			