



**October 18, 2020**

**GREETING**

Pastor Diane

**PASSING OF PEACE, OUTPOURING OF THE WATER & SPIRIT**

**PRELUDE**

*Resignation*

arr: K. Keene

Mike Finklestein - Trumpet

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 136)

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

**P: His love endures forever.**

L: Give thanks to the God of gods.

**P: His love endures forever.**

L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

**P: His love endures forever.**

L: to God who alone does great wonders,

**P: His love endures forever.**

## OPENING HYMN

*To God Be the Glory*

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To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;

let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;

let the people rejoice! O come to the Father  
through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory:  
great things He has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

## CALL TO PRAYER

### PRAYER OF LAMENT

**Almighty God, You are our Rock, our Refuge, our hiding place. Hear our cry, Almighty God. Listen to our prayer. How long will we have to hide in our homes from this invisible enemy, this virus? Where will it strike next? And whom? And what if...? Our souls are weary from the strain of the life-altering unknowns. Heavenly Father, from the depths of our pain and confusion, we cry out to You. From fear-filled hearts and anxious minds, we plead with You. Rescue us, Father of compassion and grace. We lift up our eyes to You, Lord God, the One who sits enthroned in heaven. You are our Light as we walk in this darkness. Amen.**

## RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING

*Give Thanks*

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Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"  
Give Thanks.

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/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.**

## ANTHEM

*You'll Never Walk Alone* Rodgers, Hammerstein/Arr. J.M. Stevens

Mike Finkelstein - Trumpet

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 137:1-4

<sup>1</sup>By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. <sup>2</sup>There on the poplars we hung our harps, <sup>3</sup>for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" <sup>4</sup>How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land?

Psalm 126

A song of ascents.

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. <sup>2</sup>Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." <sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. <sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, LORD, like streams in the Negev. <sup>5</sup>Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. <sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

**SERMON**

*Returning From Exile*

Pastor Diane

**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 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**

*When God Restored Our Common Life*

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When God restored our common life, our hope, our liberty,  
at first it seemed a passing dream, a waking fantasy;  
a shock of joy swept over us, for we had wept so long;  
the seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.

We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil;  
with laughing hearts we carry home the fruit of all our toil.  
We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.  
The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.

**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Blessed Assurance*

P.P. Knapp/Arr. C.R. Brown

Mike Finkelstein: trumpet

**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**

**HYMN**

*When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

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When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice.  
When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.

Refrain:

We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.  
All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!

When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.  
When the word of God fills every mouth, we will rejoice.  
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**

*Fantasia on "Old Hundredth"*

Bourgeois/Wilson

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Hymn Singer

Brandon Jones

**Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:**  
John Dunham, Royce Lambert

**Flowers given by:** Tom & Lois Macfarlane  
**Celebrating our 36th Wedding Anniversary**

Announcement

**Women's Ministries** will have their October Gathering on October 20th with a brown-bag lunch. Coffee and water will be provided. Debbie Acuna, Manager of the Green Valley-Amado Food Bank, will be the speaker. Please email or call Liz Haynes at [ehaynes62@mac.com](mailto:ehaynes62@mac.com) or 601-606-1738 if you plan to attend. In addition to the regular offering we will also be accepting cash only donations for the Food Bank.