



May 24, 2020

9:30 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lord God of heaven and earth, Creator of our world, and everything in it, in You we live and move and have our being. We are Your own children, the work of Your hands. We pray that Your Holy Spirit would move among us as worship, opening our eyes to your presence, opening our ears to Your Word.

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Diane

RINGING OF THE BOWL, POURING OF THE WATER

PRELUDE

Minuet

Amani

Pam Coggins, Oboe

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Divine Voice,
You sing and the universe comes into being;
O Divine Breath,
You breathe and all things spring to life;
O Divine Word,
You call and creation is sustained;
O Divine Flesh,
You are born among us, and the Creator is clothed in creation;
O Divine Spirit,
You fill all that has been formed;
O Divine Life,
You are the pulse of all that is.

OPENING HYMN *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* (verses 1-3) 624

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come to you as weary people. We long for this pandemic to end. We are bored at home. We want to see our friends. We get angry when the store doesn't have what we need. We wonder how it will all end. So we ask your help, dear Lord, for the gift of waiting, for patience, for graciousness. Help us to trust that you have the whole world in your hands. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

Greatorex

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.

ANTHEM

Amazed

J. Anderson

Katie Sayre, soloist

You danced over me while I am unaware.
You sing all around, but I never hear the sound.
Lord, I'm amazed by You.
Lord, I'm amazed by You, how you love me.
You paint the morning sky with miracles in mind.
My hope will always stand for You hold me in Your hand.
How wide, how deep, how great is Your love for me.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:16-28

Katie Sayre

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbling trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean." ²¹ (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

SERMON

The Whole World in His Hands

PRAYERS 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.

HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

THE CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Worship the King

arr. J. Raney

Jamie Reed, Piano/Wes Moulton, Organ Duet

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in his hands
 He's got the whole world in his hands
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He's got you and me brother in his hands
 He's got you and me brother in his hands
 He's got you and me brother in his hands
 He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got you and me sister in his hands
 He's got you and me sister in his hands
 He's got you and me sister in his hands
 He's got the whole world in his hands

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm

G. Young

Flowers Given by: Joe & Lesley Bruce

In celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary

VPC Financial / Attendance Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance	
April-2020		Through Week # 20 (5/17/20)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 54,448	2020 Attendance	**
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 67,438	2019 Attendance	256
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 252,297	*YTD 2020 Attendance	5272
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 330,671	*YTD 2019 Attendance	8171
*YTD = Year to Date **as of noon 5/19/20 number of on line devices tuned into Sunday service = 245 D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2020 Per Capita is \$46.00 per member			