

May 24, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

## **PRELUDE**

"Prelude in G Major"

J.S. Bach Stephen Boda, organ

Down Ampney

## **OPENING HYMN**

No. 367 "Come Down, O Love Divine"
Come down, O love divine,
seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing.
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, my onward path illuming.

And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till Love create the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: We are young and old; we are rich and poor; we are different races and ethnicities, and we speak many languages, but we are all brothers and sisters in our one Lord, Jesus Christ.

All: We are in our living rooms, in our homes, on our computers, looking at Smart TVs or listening on the radio, but in our hearts we are united by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Minister: The Holy Spirit of God has brought us together into one worldwide family of believers. That which God has joined together cannot be torn apart.

All: We are not alone. We live in God's world. Let us worship God.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, who created the earth and who unites all of creation by your love, we confess to you that although you unite all believers in your Spirit, we allow our differences to divide us. You have forgiven us, but we sit in judgement against one another. Forgive us, we pray. During this time of physical distancing, help us to focus not on our solitude, but on our spiritual closeness. Remind us again and again that we are part of a great body that cannot be torn apart, and that a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us all, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

## **KYRIE**

Lord have mercy upon us; Christ have mercy upon us; Lord have mercy upon us.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## **DOXOLOGY**

No. 223 v. 1 St. Denio

Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise: your mercies are endless, and righteous your ways; your servants proclaim the renown of your name who rules over all and is ever the same.

## WELCOME

## **ANTHEM**

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

arr. Connell

Joanne Leatch, alto

Adam Weinmann, oboe; Elaine Choi, viola Stephen Boda, organ

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, who, if you ask for knowledge, will never fail to lend. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, who died to save us all.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 2:1-13

## **SERMON**

## The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling "The Spirit in the City" Part 1

## **ANTHEM**

"Water is Wide (Though I may Speak)"

arr. Hayes

Olenka Slywynska, mezzo-soprano Elaine Choi, piano

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain; as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

## **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

## CLOSING HYMN)

No. 625 "I Feel the Winds of God Today"

Kingsfold

I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift, though heavy oft with drenching spray and torn with many a rift; if hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use, I'll seek the seas at his behest, and brave another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears, until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years; if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be, O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea. If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown, lift high the blood-red flag above; it bears your name alone. Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift; I feel the winds of God today, today my sail I lift.

## BENEDICTION

## **POSTLUDE**

"Finale Jubilante"

Healey Willan Stephen Boda, organ

Please Note: The hymns, kyrie, and doxology were chosen from archival recordings.

# "READING WITH REV LORI" BOOK SERIES \*\*NEW DATES!\*\*

Both books are available for purchase online. To order a copy through the church, please send an email to Rev. Lori.

## \*\*September 28, 2020 – *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, by Harriet Jacobs

"Harriet Jacobs was not an ordinary slave girl, and her autobiography is not an ordinary account of the miseries of slavery. She was a slave who triumphed not only by luck but by careful planning and daring deceit."

## \*\*November 9, 2020 – Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevski

Drawing upon experiences from his own prison days, the author recounts in feverish, compelling tones the story of Raskolnikov, an impoverished student tormented by his own nihilism, and the struggle between good and evil.

Join us to discuss these books at 7PM in the Reception Room.