

MORNING WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2020

Please join in singing and speaking where indicated by **bold** print

Welcome

Prelude " To God Be The Glory" Greg Hudson

Call to Worship

And the table will be wide. And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

Our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust.

And we will come unhindered and free.

And our aching will be met with bread.

Our sorrow will be met with wine.

We will become bread for a hungry world.

We will become drink for those who thirst.

And the blessed will become the blessing.

And everywhere will be the feast.

Opening Prayer Nancy Hudson

God of our lives, your Word is one of communion, not division. Your gifts are gifts of abundance, peace, and freedom, not scarcity, violence, and oppression. We thank you that in Christ you have given us the greatest gift: your very self. As we gather today, with your children around the world, may your gifts and your presence be received with joy and humility. Nourish our faith, renew our hope, and strengthen our commitment to build your kingdom; for the sake of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" Greg and Nancy Hudson

Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart

Come, just as you are to worship

Come just as you are before your God, Come

One day every tongue will confess you are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure remains for those

Who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart

**Come, just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God, Come**

**Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our hearts, oh, mind and strength
We gladly choose you now**

**Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God, Come, Come, Come**

Call to Confession Nancy Hudson

All too often, we tell God we will do better, and be better, and then just go on living the same way we always have. Let this be a moment when confess our failures and faithlessness, so we may be transformed by grace. Join me as we pray:

Prayer of Confession

God of Grace, you are our Rock and our Redeemer; yet we deny our need of you. You make us stewards of a wonderful world. We call it our own and misuse it. You give laws to enhance our life. We see them as burdens tying us down. You bid us to take confidence in your love. We put stock in our accomplishments. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive all we have done to displease you. Teach us to trust in Christ, his righteousness, and in the power of his resurrection. Open our minds to know your truth, our hearts to rejoice in your commands, and our eyes to see the goal you set before us, that persevering in faith we may increase in love and good works, to glory of our Savior and Lord. In his name we pray. Amen.

Meditative Silence

Assurance of Pardon Pastor Bella

We belong to Christ:
our past belongs to Christ; our sins belong to Christ.
We belong to Christ:
our right now belongs to Christ; this moment of forgiveness belongs to Christ.
We belong to Christ:
our future belongs to Christ;
our holy, God given, free of guilt and shame, future belongs to Christ.
Brothers and sisters, let us believe the good news of the gospel:
in Christ Jesus we are a forgiven people.
This is God's glory!

Gloria Patri ††

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.**

**World without end, without end, Amen. X3
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination Nancy Hudson

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds. Speak to us of heavenly things, that we may be led into your truth and know your grace for our lives and the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-17

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

Message “Priceless” Pastor Bobbie Bella

Hymn “Gather Us In”

**1 Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**2 We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**3 Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

The Lord's Supper

Words of Institution
Invitation
Great Thanksgiving
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People
Prayer

Special Music "Aware" Greg and Nancy Hudson

Even in the little things, that never
Seem too big to me
And the things I thought
Didn't matter much at all.
As simple as my daily bread, to the
Strength I need to get out of bed
When I fly or when I'm 'bout to fall
Oh, it's You in me that I fail to see

Chorus:
Make me aware, make me see
That everything I am is not all about me.
So take my world, turn it around
So that the obvious can finally be found.
Make me aware, make me aware.

When my life is hanging from a thread
And I think about the things you said
That in this moment seem so far away.
Help me see the guarantees that first brought me to believe
So I can make it through another day.
Oh it's You in me that helps me breathe. *Chorus*

I have been missing so much, not recognizing your touch
Or acknowledging that you're the reason I'm even here.
I have been missing so much, not recognizing your touch.
Make me aware, make me aware.

Help me see
That everything I am is not all about me
Take my world, turn it around
So that the obvious can finally be found.
Make me aware, make me aware, make me aware.

Prayers of the People

O Lord our God, it is in awesome wonder that we come before you, blessed to be considered your children, privileged with a place at your table, overwhelmed by your grace and abundance. Here now our prayers for friends, family, enemies, and strangers.

We praise you, dear Lord, for your wisdom in knitting us together as one body, one people, with a diversity of languages, races, colors, and cultures yet all with a single purpose: one Church, one love, one Lord, one God.

For this work and for this purpose, Lord may we be focused and fruitful. Forgive our failure to connect with others, to embrace our differences and celebrate the common good, to share our abundance and admit our need. Give us eyes to see your reflection in our sisters and brothers around the world. Open our minds to new perspectives. Open our hearts to share your love.

Merciful God we yearn for your healing touch. The storms of life have left many shattered and broken. May your strength be with those who struggle. May your comfort be with those in pain. May your peace be with those who mourn. Especially, we pray for...

We pray for those we name in the silence of our hearts.

We thank you, Lord, for this great country of ours, for the freedoms we too often take for granted, for the security and safety we call home. Grant our leaders wisdom and insight, the courage and integrity to stand for justice, and to seek peace, and prosperity for all peoples. We pray also for the leaders and peoples of China, Russia, India, Lebanon, Armenia, and Azerbaijan.

Holy and gracious God, your steadfast love abides with your people in every age. Show us the way to live abundant lives without fear, to offer thanks and praise in all that we do, that all our life may be an act of worship, and all our hope may rest in you. All this we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Praise "A Life of Praise" Greg and Nancy Hudson

**I will love You Lord always
Not just for the things You've done for me**

**I will praise You all my days
Not just for the change you've made in me
But I'll praise You for You are holy Lord
And I'll lift my hands
But You are worthy of so much more**

Chorus:

**For You are awesome God of the nations
Lion of Judah Rock of the Ages
Alpha Omega worthy of all praise
More than these hands are raised
I live a life of praise, I live a life of praise**

**I will serve You Lord always
For You are my strength when I am weak
And I will never be afraid
For You are my rock and You protect me
But I'll praise You for You are holy Lord
And I'll lift my hands
But You are worthy of so much more *Chorus 2x*
Charge**

Go out into the world in joy. Walk in faith.
Go in safety, for you cannot go where God is not.
Go in love, for love alone endures.
And go in peace, for this is God's gift to all those in Christ.

Benediction

May the love of God the Father, the faithful Creator,
the peace of Jesus Christ, the wounded healer,
and the challenge and the comfort of God the Holy Spirit,
surround, sustain and uphold us all this day and every day. Amen.

[†] Adapted, Jan Richardson, *The Painted Prayerbook*

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