

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

August 2nd 2020

Call to Worship and Approach to God. *You are invited to light a candle.*

The God of heaven has made a home on earth;

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

The highest in all creation lives among the least;

**Christ journeys with the rejected
and welcomes the weary.**

Come now all who hunger

and be fed with the bread of life.

Come now all who wander in the wilderness

and be led by God your liberator.

Come now all who seek

and be filled with good things.

❖ **Hymn 181**

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

*Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

1. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower
sun and moon and stars of light:

*Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2. For the joy of human eye,
for the heart and mind's delight
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight

*Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild.

*Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

4. For each perfect gift of thine
of your love so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n

*Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

- ❖ **Prayer of approach** ending with the Lord's Prayer:
(say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)

The Word of God

❖ **Children's address**

❖ **Holy Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:17-24**

¹⁷ Jesse said to his son David, "Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers; ¹⁸ also take these ten cheeses to the commander of their thousand. See how your brothers fare, and bring some token from them."

¹⁹ Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. ²⁰ David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. ²¹ Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. ²² David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. ²³ As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

²⁴ All the Israelites, when they saw the man, fled from him and were very much afraid.

²⁸ His eldest brother Eliab heard him talking to the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David. He said, "Why have you come down? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart; for you have come down just to see the battle." ²⁹ David said, "What have I done now? It was only a question." ³⁰ He turned away from him toward another and spoke in the same way; and the people answered him again as before.

❖ **Music in worship:** *Clap Your Hands!* - John H. Diercks

❖ **Sermon (i)**

❖ **Holy Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:31-40**

³¹ When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul; and he sent for him.

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³ Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." ³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷ David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!"

³⁸ Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹ David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

❖ **Sermon (ii)** *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

❖ **Prayers of intercession**

❖ **Hymn 706**

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| <p>1. For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.</p> <p>2. Lead your people into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how, through care and goodness,
fear will die and hope increase.</p> | <p>3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.</p> <p>4. You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.</p> |
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❖ **The Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of the saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ **Prayer of dedication**

❖ **Narrative of the Institution and the Invitation**

❖ **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

<i>The Lord be with you</i>	and also with you...
<i>Lift up your hearts</i>	we lift them up to the Lord...
<i>Let us give thanks</i>	It is right to give our thanks and praise...
<i>to the Lord our God</i>	

❖ **Prayer of Consecration**

... with earth and sea and sky and all the heavenly host we join in singing (Hymn 651):
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

❖ **Eating the bread and drinking the wine**

❖ **Prayer**

❖ **Hymn 622**

1. We sing a love that sets all people free,
that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
enfolds the earth, springs up like water clear:
come, living love, live in our hearts today.
2. We sing a love that seeks another's good,
that longs to serve and not to count the cost,
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new:
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.
3. We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
to be itself, despite another's wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed:
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.
4. We sing a love that, wandering, will not rest
until it finds its way, its home, its source,
through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed:
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.
5. We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love,
who seeks out scars of ancient bitterness,
brings to our wounds the healing grace of Christ:
come, radiant love, live in our hearts today.

Blessing: Go in peace to love and to serve God;
and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us and unite us, now and always. Amen.