



July 26, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude..... Joan Hill, organ
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"...arr. Paul Manz

Welcome to Worship..... John Uldrick

Hymn of Praise No. 215 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Call to Confession (*based on Matthew 13*)..... Gwen Stephens, leader

O God, May we be found faithful in all we do.

May we speak the truth in love and live lives of love each day.

May we see the many inbreakings of your kingdom in the everyday, ordinary things of life:
in mustard seeds, yeast, treasures in fields, and fish gathered in nets.

May we be able to answer with a full-throated yes when asked if we have understood your
teachings and your call.

***Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!***

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness (*based on Romans 8*)

When we are not sure how to pray, or if we are even able to address God in prayer,
the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

Know that no matter what, nothing, absolutely nothing can ever separate us
from God's presence and God's love.

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!**

Together We Connect Jack, Ashley, Mary Jack, Katy and Morgan Smith

Reading of Holy Scripture Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music. Harry Wise

“Charity” ... Kenn Gulliksen

Morning Prayer (*with The Lord’s Prayer*) Tamara Tillman Smathers

Sermon. Kristen Pope

“If You Bring Jesus to Church”

Hymn of Response. TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To what can the kingdom of God be compared?
A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,
And there, where predictable plantings should be,
There grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree!
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,
Just like that new life springing forth from the ground.

A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:
A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,
A church reaches out to the youth in the town,
A man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,
When even a few faithful lives change the rest.

While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,
God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.
A girl sells possessions to help those in need;
A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;
May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.

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Pastoral Blessing

Postlude Joan Hill, organ

“And Can It Be ”... arr. Anna Laura Page

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