

## --PRAYERS

After each intercession, pastor concludes with:  
"Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray..."

### "The Spirit Intercedes For Us" (Romans 8:26)

Sung intermittently during the prayers...

The Spirit intercedes for us, with sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

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## --THE LORD'S PRAYER--Echo

(Sung - Men: Lead; Women: Echo)

## --WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### --SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION

#### "Be Unto Your Name" (Revelation 5:13)

Verse 1...We are a moment, You are forever.

Lord of the ages, God before time; We are a vapor,  
You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus...Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, worthy is the Lamb  
Who was slain; Highest praises honor and glory be unto Your  
name,  
be unto your name.

Verse 2...We are the broken, You are the healer. Jesus,  
Redeemer, mighty to save; You are the Lovesong we'll sing  
forever, bowing before You, blessing Your name.

Repeat chorus twice, then...

Be unto Your name. Be unto Your name.

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### "Spirit of the Living God"

Chorus...Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. [Repeat]

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## --COMMUNION DISMISSAL

## --BENEDICTION

## --MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

## --MEMORY VERSE

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but  
you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be  
careful to do according to all that is written in it.  
For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you  
will have good success. (Joshua 1:8)

## --CLOSING SONG "Forever" (2 Thess. 3:3-5; Psalm 136)

Verse 1...Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King,  
His love endures forever. For He is good, He is above all  
things, His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.

Verse 2...With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,  
His love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn,  
His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus...Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us, forever, and ever, forever.

Verse 3...From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures  
forever. And by the grace of God we will carry on. His love  
endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing  
praise. Sing Chorus twice...

Bridge...His love endures forever, His love endures forever.  
Sing Bridge 4 times...

Then...Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Final Chorus...Forever You are faithful. Forever You are  
strong. Forever You are with us, forever, and ever, (forever).  
Repeat Final Chorus...

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\* \* \* **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** \* \* \*

### LEADING WORSHIP

**Presiding:** The Rev. Tyler Werner

**Preaching:** The Rev. Paul Rieger

**Music:** Connection Team

**Elder:** Wayne Meyer

**Worship Assistants:** Jacob Langeslag

**Soundboard:** Braxton and Neal Weeg

## THE CONNECTION

January 17, 2021  
10:30am

"CONNECTING PEOPLE  
TO CHRIST  
THROUGH GOD'S WORD!"



## --PRESERVICE SONG

### "How Can I Keep From Singing" (Ps. 47:6-8; 81:1-2)

Verse 1...There is an endless song, echoes in my soul,  
I hear the music ring. And though the storms may come,  
I am holding on, to the Rock I cling.

Verse 2...I will lift my eyes in the darkest night for I know my  
Savior lives. And I will walk with You knowing You see me  
through, and sing the songs You give.

Chorus...How can I keep from singing Your praise?  
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love?  
How can I keep from shouting Your name? I know I am loved  
by the King, and it makes my heart, I am loved by the King,  
and it makes my heart, I am loved by the King, and it makes  
my heart want to sing.

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## --WELCOME & WORDS OF PEACE

### --WORSHIP SONG "You Never Let Go"

(Psalm 23:4; 27:1, Romans 8:41, 2 Peter 1:19, 1 John 4:18)

Verse 1...Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death, Your perfect love is casting out fear. And even when  
I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life, I won't turn  
back, I know You are near.

Channel...And I will fear no evil. For my God is with me.  
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear?  
Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus...Oh no, You never let go through the calm and  
through the storm. Oh no, You never let go in every high and  
every low. Oh no, You never let go, Lord, You never let go  
of me. (continued...)

Verse 2...And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on, a glorious light beyond all compare.

And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes, we'll live to know You here on the earth.

Sing Channel and Chorus...

Verse 3...Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on, And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes, Still I will praise You, still I will praise You.

Sing Chorus twice...

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## --INVOCATION

P. Let us now say together our memory verse.

**C. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)**

## --CONFESSION OF SINS

## --ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## --STATEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## --FIRST LESSON *Psalms 18:1-6*

*The LORD Is My Rock and My Fortress*

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who addressed the words of this song to the LORD on the day when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said:

*(continued...)*

<sup>1</sup> I love you, O LORD, my strength.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

<sup>3</sup> I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

<sup>4</sup> The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me;

<sup>5</sup> the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

<sup>6</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

## --SECOND LESSON *John 4:7-19*

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

<sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us.

## --GOSPEL LESSON *John 14:15-27*

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

<sup>22</sup>Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

## --CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## --MESSAGE SONG

**"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"** (*Gal. 6:14*)

Verse 1...How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away, as wounds which mar the chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Verse 2...Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.

Verse 3...I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward. I cannot give an answer; But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

Tag...Why should I gain from His reward?

I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## --MESSAGE OF THE DAY

**"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO DAVID: MEN OF LOVE"**

~The Rev. Paul Rieger

## --TITHES AND OFFERING