



A Service for the Worship of God

July 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

PREPARATION

- Please set out a candle that you can light as we light the Christ Candle during worship.
- For communion, please have a cup of juice and a piece of any kind of bread for each person worshipping in your home.
- We hope you will sing along to the songs. The music, art, and even the font are all from our VBS week that we just finished called “Compassion Camp!”

Gathering Around God’s Word

Prelude	Jim Pera
Welcome and Announcements, Joys and Concerns	Rev. Laura Nile
Lighting of the Christ Candle	Gay Amos
Call to Worship	Gay Amos
One: Welcoming God,	
All: Your warm, wide arms are always open	
One: drawing us into your heart full of love.	
All: Make our arms your own, helping us to see and welcome with compassion all those we meet. Let us praise our Compassionate God!	

Song – Compassion Prayer

May we be filled with compassion
May we be filled up to the top of our hearts
When we have the power to make something right
May we show God's love.

May we be shown compassion.
May we be found in the center of peace.
When we have needs that others can meet
May we find God's love



Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Oh God, we confess that we have not always had the courage to show compassion. In our anger and hurt, we have withheld compassion and turned its absence into a weapon. Sometimes, we expect others to show compassion to us, only to deny it to them in return. Other days, we cannot see ourselves as you do—with love, kindness, and deep joy. We withhold compassion for ourselves and it causes only hurt. We cannot show compassion without your help, O God.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon



One: Hear the good news, the Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: God has heard our prayers! God's Spirit is always moving and stirring within and around us!

One: In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, your sins are forgiven.

Response to Forgiveness –

“There's A Wideness in God's Mercy” Hymn # 298, verse 1

There's a wideness in God's mercy,	Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,	Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows	Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings	Have such kindly judgment given.

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Anthem

“In Christ There is no East or West”

Ruth Whatley, soloist



Children’s Time

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 25:8-17

You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

In this year of jubilee you shall return, every one of you, to your property. When you make a sale to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor, you shall not cheat one another. When you buy from your neighbor, you shall pay only for the number of years since the jubilee; the seller shall charge you only for the remaining crop years. If the years are more, you shall increase the price, and if the years are fewer, you shall diminish the price; for it is a certain number of harvests that are being sold to you. You shall not cheat one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God.

Sermon

“Good News for Who?”

Rev. Laura Nile

Responding to God's Word

Hymn #773

Heaven Shall Not Wait

verses 1-3

Heaven Shall Not Wait

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Capo 1: (D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
E^b A^b B^b B^b7 E^b Cm7 Fm B^b



1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience,
2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes,
3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as,
4 Heaven shall not wait for tri - um - phant Hal - le - lu - jahs,

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (G) (Asus) (A)
E^b A^b B^b B^b7 E^b A^b B^bsus B^b



the scorned to smile, the de-spised to find a friend:
the proud to fall, the e - lite to tend the least:
thoughts of com - pas - sion di - vorced from cries of pain:
when earth has passed and we reach an - oth - er shore:

(Bm7) (Em) (F#m) (Bm7) (D) (Em7) (A)
Cm7 Fm Gm Cm7 E^b Fm7 B^b



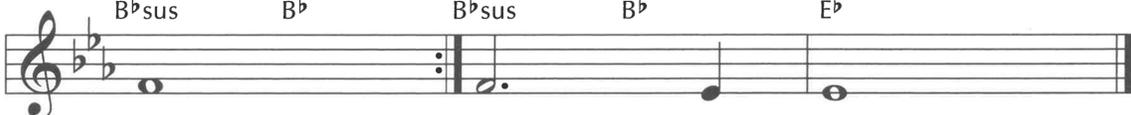
Je - sus is Lord; he has cham - pioned the un - want - ed;
Je - sus is Lord; he has shown the mas - ter's priv - ilege:
Je - sus is Lord; he has mar - ried word and ac - tion;
Je - sus is Lord in our pres - ent im - per - fec - tion;

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em)
E^b A^b B^b B^b7 E^b Cm Fm



in him in - jus - tice con - fronts its time - ly
to kneel and wash ser - vants' feet be - fore they
his cross and com - pa - ny make his pur - pose
his power and love are for now and then for

1-3 4
(Asus) (A) (Asus) (A) (D)
B^bsus B^b B^bsus B^b E^b



end.
feast.
plain.

ev - er - more.

Presentation of Offerings

If you would like to give online, please go to www.sminster.com/give where you can give once or set-up a reoccurring monthly offering to the church

Presentation Hymn #295

verse 1, sing twice

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.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to The Table

Rev. Laura Nile

Hymn— Come to the Table

Come to the table
Come to the table
Come to the table
And celebrate with us.

We are all welcome...
We are a family...

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

If we were in the same room, we would be serving each other, but today, each of you will serve yourselves or a family member.

After the words, "The Body of Christ, given for you," are spoken, serve a family member (or, if alone, serve yourself), saying the same words.

After the words, "The Cup of the New Covenant, given for you," are spoken, do the same.

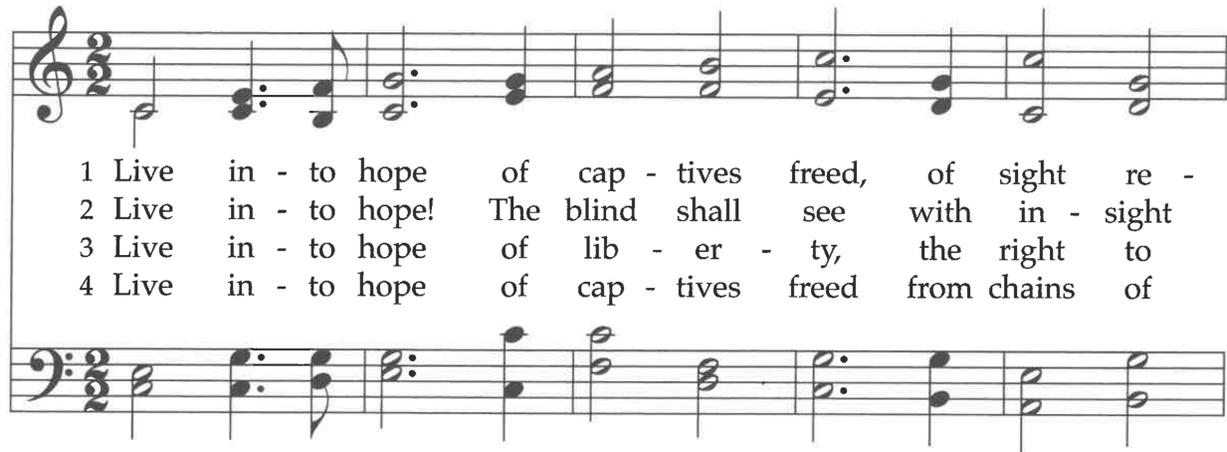
The bread broken and the cup poured by the pastor symbolizes our unity as the Body of Christ in this sacrament.

Prayer After Communion and the Lord's Prayer

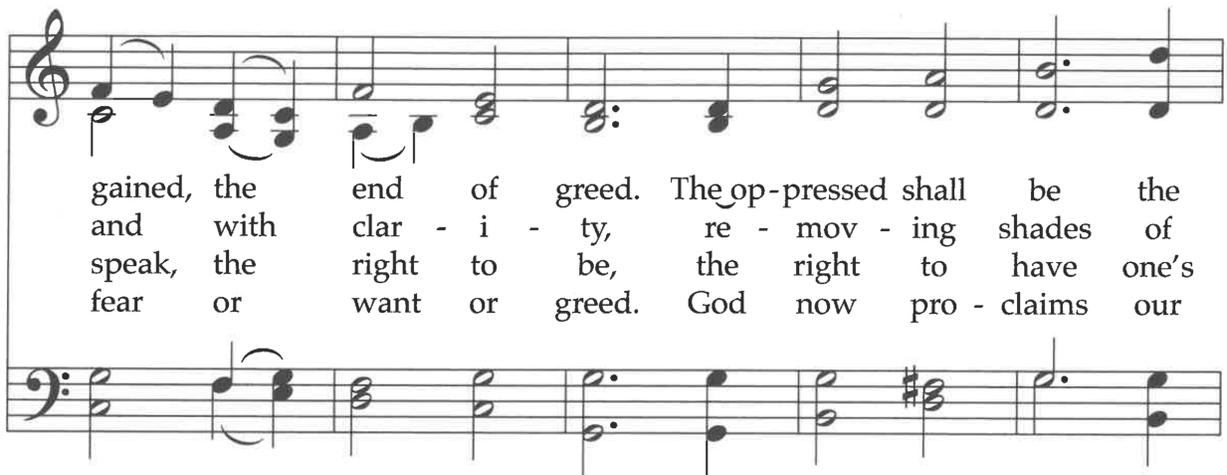
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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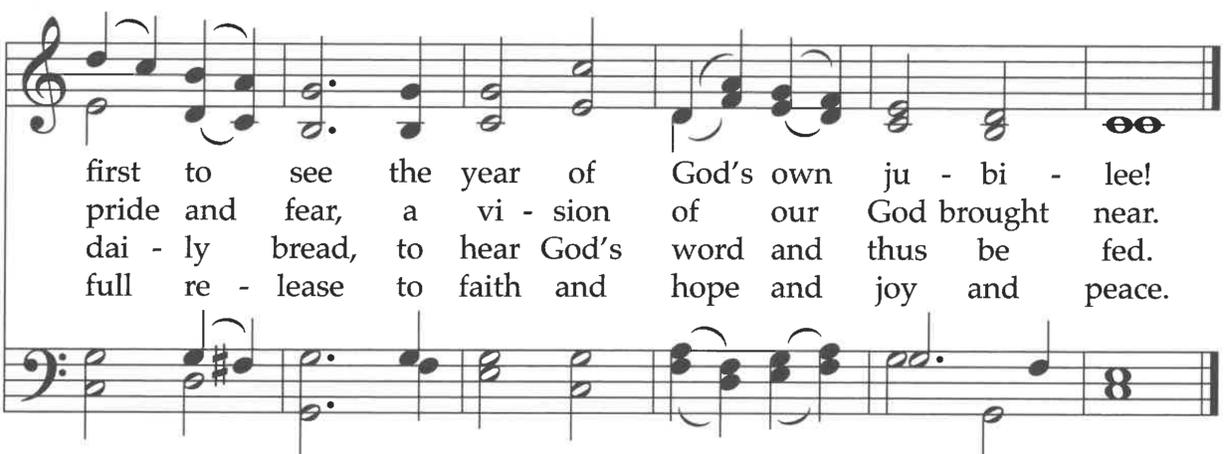
Live into Hope



1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

Benediction

Postlude