

The Worship of God
In Ordinary Time
September 6, 2020

Welcome to Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship (Psalm 136)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
His love endures forever.

To him who alone does great wonders,
to him who by understanding made the heavens,
to him who spread out the earth above the waters.
His love endures forever.

To him who made the great lights,
the sun to rule over the day,
the moon and stars to rule over the night.
His love endures forever.

Jesus Loves Me, this I know for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong: they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Silent Meditation

*I know that I have life only insofar as I have love.
I have no love except it come from Thee.
Help me, please, to carry this candle against the wind.*
Wendell Berry

Praying with the Psalmist (Psalm 149)

Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Hymn of Praise

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Pass me not, O gentle Savior. Hear my humble cry.
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Refrain

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry.
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief.
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.

Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face.
Heal my wounded, broken spirit. Save me by Thy grace.

Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in Heav'n, but Thee?

New Testament Readings

Matthew 18:10-20

Romans 13:8-14

The Word of the Lord for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Confessing Our Sins and Confessing Our Faith

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.

**You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ
in our lonely and confused world.
Yet, we confess, sometimes we are more
apathetic than active,
isolated than involved,
timid than redemptive,
callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient,
legalistic than loving.**

**Gracious Lord,
have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being your ambassadors in a broken world.
Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit in us.
Awaken us to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.**

Piano Meditation

Hymn

Softly and Tenderly

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain

Come home, come home, ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner come home."

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.

Sermon

Prayer

In your mercy, Lord, you meet us here and send us out to be God's people.
Set our feet on the path of Faith. Lift our eyes to the light of Hope.
Fill us with the gift of Love. Amen.
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Go in peace.

Benediction

I Saw the Light

*Spiritual progress has no other test in the end, nor
any better expression, than our ability to love.
It gives us the ability to discover in the other person
an inward nature as mysterious and deep as our
own, but different and willed to be so by God.*

— Oliver Clement

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