

# Order of Worship 5 July 2020

## Gathering in God's Presence

### Greeting

*The Bible is full of greetings, and our worship leader greets us in God's name.*

#### **Romans 1:7**

To all who are in Christ, beloved of God, called to be saints: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Psalm of the Day

*We begin our worship with a silent meditation on our Psalm of the Day during the Prelude. Use this time to focus your hearts and minds on God as he speaks to us through his Word.*

#### **Psalm 133**

A song of ascents. Of David.

1 How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!

2 It is like precious oil poured on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron's beard,  
down on the collar of his robe.

3 It is as if the dew of Hermon  
were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing,  
even life forevermore.

### Prelude

#### **Plein jeu. Premier Couplet du Gloria from "Messe pour les Convents" (Mass for the Monasteries)**

François Couperin (1668 – 1733)

Ruth Pfister, organ

### \*Call to Worship

*Our Call to Worship draws us into conversation with our God, and is usually taken from our Psalm of the Day. We address one another and enter God's presence together.*

From Psalm 133

Leader: Like Aaron the priest, let us seek the anointing of the LORD!

**People: May the refreshment of Jesus run from our heads down to our feet!**

Leader: Bind yourselves together in unity, and set yourselves apart for his worship and service!

**People: As one body, we will worship together, even as we share our very lives together!**

Leader: United as one, prepare to feel the dew of snow-capped Mount Hermon fall on you like grace!

**People: We are one in the Lord, and his grace will fall on us today, and forever!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

*Having called one another to God's praise, we turn to God and ask for his presence and power.*

**From Psalm 133**

Gracious Father, we gather together under the banner of your love. We have come to be anointed with your Holy Spirit. Pour your Spirit out upon us generously from head to toe, so that our inner dispositions, our utterances, and the works of our hands become demonstrations of your Spirit's power at work in and through us. Bind us together as one as we worship you in Spirit and truth. Help us to sense the goodness of our togetherness in Christ. Captivate us by the blessing of your love and grace, and send us out into the world as those commissioned to extend the blessing that you have showered upon us to those who most need it. Come, Holy Spirit, and cultivate your fruit in us. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

**\*Song of Praise**

*With our Song of Praise, we begin our worship by exalting God for who he is and what he has done.*

**Psalm 133**

Music by Ellie and Andy Stager  
Behold how good a thing it is  
And how becoming well  
When brothers, sisters all delight  
In unity to dwell

For it is like the precious oil  
Pour out on Aaron's head  
That, going down upon his beard  
Upon his garments spread

Like Hermon's dew upon the hills  
Of Zion that descends  
The LORD commands his blessing there:  
Ev'n life that never ends

## Hearing God's Word

**Prayer for Illumination**

*We ask God to make the Scripture fresh, encouraging, and convicting to us as we sit under its ministry.*

**From Psalm 133**

Heavenly Father, we unite together in submission and place ourselves humbly now under the ministry of your word. We expect from your Son refreshment; for him to set us apart for his work; for him to stir up in us the very same love with which you have first

loved us, through him. Give us the privilege—together—of experiencing a small taste of the blessing that is ours eternally in him, for we pray in his name. Amen.

## Examination

*We reflect on the Psalm of the Day and use it to examine our hearts and minds, leading us to confession of our sin. Please turn in your Bibles to Psalm 133 as we reflect on it together.*

Please open your Bibles to Psalm 133.

Psalm 133 tells us (verse 1) that it's both good and pleasant when God's people live together in unity. Verses 2 and 3 give marvelous pictures of what that unity is like—descriptions of its goodness and pleasantness. It's refreshing like being anointed with oil; like dew drops. It's meant for all of us—from the greatest of us to the least, like the oil going down from Aaron's head to his feet

Are we united? Does our unity include *all* of us—rich and poor, eastern and western, newcomers and long-timers?

Is our devotion to one another so full of God's love in Christ that we leave our gatherings *refreshed*?

Sometimes. Sometimes not.

Let us confess our sins together.

## Silent Confession

*Take a moment to reflect and to confess your sins silently before the Lord.*

## Prayer of Confession of Sin

We confess, O Lord, that we do not delight in one another the way we are meant to. We avoid the hard work that it takes to pursue unity in our diverse congregation. We do not refresh one another with the love of Jesus, poured into one another through our words, actions, and attitudes. We have failed to make our love for one another a testimony of your own love. Cleanse our judgmental thoughts. Forgive our laziness. Energize our commitment to one another. Through the love of Jesus, wash away these sins, and through that same love, show your love to your church and your world—the church for whom Jesus died, and the world for whom he was raised to glory. Amen.

## \*Assurance of God's Pardon

People of God, your heavenly Father has poured out the anointing oil of his pleasure upon his Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ. And from Jesus', our head—despite our many sins—he refreshes and forgives and renews the entire body of Christ. And that means *you!* In his grace, turn from your coldness, sloth, and narrowness, and turn toward one another. Live in the refreshment of his love, and may his grace flow from you into the lives of the people of this congregation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## \*Gloria Patri

Ruth Pfister, organ

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be:

World without end! Amen! Amen!

## Let the Children Come to Him!

### Children's Message

**Pastor Sam E. Gyorfi**

Children's Resources

## Preaching of the Word

### **Galatians 5:13-26**

<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

<sup>16</sup> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<sup>19</sup> The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

## Introduction to the Fruit of the Spirit

### Meditation

#### **Come, O Spirit!**

Text and Music by Isaac Wardell

Recording: Vanessa Bischoff, cello; Ellie and Andy Stager

Come, oh Spirit, comfort true

Help us by your pleading

Come and ev'ry heart renew

Breath of God proceeding

You alone to God can win us

Spirit now work good within us

All our knowledge, all our sight  
Lies in darkness shrouded.  
All our labors wrought in strife  
Hath our judgment clouded.  
Oh consume our wrong desires  
Holy Ghost our souls inspire.

Come, our conscience to relieve  
From each sin remembered.  
Come, our Savior's blood to plead;  
Naked we surrender.  
Sin hath left a wound revealing;  
Spirit help us with your healing.

All our riches, all our crowns  
Cast we now before thee.  
Scales removeth, chains unbound,  
Boldly we implore thee:  
As you knit us once together,  
Fasten us to you forever.

### **1 Corinthians 13: 1-13**

**13** If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

## **Sermon**

The Spirit's Fruit (Part 1): Love

## Responding to God's Word

### \*Song of Response

#### **Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak**

Text: Francis R. Havergal

Tune: Robert Schumann

Ruth Pfister, organ

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
In living echoes of Thy tone;  
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek  
Thine erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
The wandering and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
The precious things Thou dost impart;  
And wing my words, that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,  
Until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,  
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;  
Until Thy blessed face I see,  
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

### Prayer for Our Tithes and Offerings

*Please consider taking this time to make a contribution to the ministry of our church through an online bank transfer, PayPal, or Twint.*

### Offertory

#### **O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

Tune: Sandra McCracken

Text: George Mathison

Musicians: Ellie and Andy Stager

O love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee.  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine oceans depths its flow.

May richer fuller be.

O light followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee.  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day.  
May brighter fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee.  
I chase the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain.  
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee.  
I lay in dust's life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red.  
Life that shall endless be.

### \*Doxology

Ruth Pfister, organ  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him, all creatures here below  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

## Calling on the Name of the Lord

### Prayers of the People

*We join together in prayer. We praise God; we pray for our world, for the church, for ourselves, and we pray the Lord's Prayer.*

At the end of each petition, the leader will say:

**Lord, in your mercy ...**

And the congregation may respond:

**Hear our prayer.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Now we pray together the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# Going with God's Mission and Blessing

Welcome of Guests

Announcements

\*Sending Song

**More Love to Thee, O Christ**

Text: Elizabeth Prentiss

Tune: William Howard Doane

More love to Thee, O Christ,

More love to Thee!

Hear Thou the prayer I make

On bended knee.

This is my earnest plea:

More love, O Christ, to Thee;

More love to Thee,

More love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved,

Sought peace and rest;

Now Thee alone I seek,

Give what is best.

This all my prayer shall be:

More love, O Christ to Thee;

More love to Thee,

More love to Thee!

Let sorrow do its work;

Send grief or pain.

Sweet are Thy messengers,

Sweet their refrain,

When they can sing with me:

More love, O Christ to Thee;

More love to Thee,

More love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath

Whisper Thy praise;

This be the parting cry

My heart shall raise;

This still its prayer shall be:

More love, O Christ to Thee;

More love to Thee,

More love to Thee!



\*Commissioning and Benediction

**Numbers 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face to shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The LORD lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen!

Postlude

**Allabreve in D Major BWV 589**

Johann Sebastian Bach (1765-1850)

Ruth Pfister, organ