

Order of Service 10.4.20 *World Communion Sunday*

Prelude

Medley for Communion —arr. Lau

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of
the Lord.

**Thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

“May they prosper who love you!

**Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers!”**

For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you.”

**For the sake of the house of
the Lord our God,**

I will seek your good.

Call to Worship

I Love You Lord

I love You Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
O my soul rejoice!
Take joy my King,
In what You hear:
May it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

I Stand Amazed (My Savior's Love)
Cokesbury No. 163

Verse 1

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

Chorus

How marvelous! how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! how wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!

Verse 2

For me it was in the garden
He prayed not My will but Thine
He had no tears for His own griefs
But sweat drops of blood for mine

Verse 3

In pity angels beheld Him
And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night

Verse 4

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

Verse 5

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy though the ages
To sing of His love for me

Morning Prayer

INVITATION

Christ the Lord invites to
his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent
of their sin
and seek to live in peace
with one another.

Therefore, let us confess
our sin before God
and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not
loved you with our
whole heart.
We have failed to be
an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled
against your love,
we have not loved
our neighbors,
and we have not heard the
cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while
we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love
toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!
**In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

Anthem

Psalm 139

Scripture

John 3:16-24

Sermon

“Searching”

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our
thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good
and joyful thing,
always and everywhere
to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed
is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering,
death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery
to sin and death,
and made with us a
new covenant
by water and the Spirit.
On the night in which he

gave himself up for us,
 he took bread,
 gave thanks to you,
 broke the bread,
 gave it to his disciples
 and said:
 "Take, eat;
 this is my body which is
 given for you.
 Do this
 in remembrance of me."
 When the supper was over,
 he took the cup,
 gave thanks to you,
 gave it to his disciples,
 and said:
 "Drink from this, all of you;
 this is my blood
 of the new covenant,
 poured out for you
 and for many
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often
 as you drink it,
 in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these
 your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
 we offer ourselves in praise
 and thanksgiving as a
 holy and living sacrifice,
 in union with Christ's
 offering for us,
 as we proclaim the
 mystery of faith.

Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit
 on us gathered here,
 and on these gifts of
 bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body
 and blood of Christ,
 that we may be for the world
 the body of Christ,
 redeemed by his blood.
 By your Spirit make us
 one with Christ,
 one with each other,
 and one in ministry
 to all the world,
 until Christ comes in
 final victory
 and we feast at his
 heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy
 Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory
 is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
 Amen.

And now, with the confidence
 of children of God, let us pray:

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
and deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Jesus Loves Me No. 191

Verse 1

Jesus loves me! This I know,
 for the Bible tells me so.
 Little ones to him belong;
 they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Verse 2

Jesus loves me! This I know,
 as he loved so long ago,
 taking children on his knee,
 saying, "Let them come to me."
 (Refrain)

Verse 3

Jesus loves me still today,
 walking with me on my way,
 wanting as a friend to give
 light and love to all who live.
 (Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude

O Worship the King -arr. Putnam

**Response is in bold.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT		
ATTENDANCE	(9/27).....	70
<u>Operating Fund</u>		
Contributions 9/27	\$	\$11,491.76
Contributions YTD	\$	\$ 326,686.35
<u>Capital Improvements Fund</u>		
Contributions 9/27	\$	0.00
Contributions YTD	\$	750.00

PRAYER LIST: PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Praises and concerns will stay on this list for one month unless otherwise requested.

Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound: Peggy Ramey; Sara Griffin; Howard Bryant; Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; Doris Sweeting; Ruth Wilson, Pat Plonk, Betty Masters.

Military Personnel: SGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand-Navy; Abbey Wallace-Air Force (Afghanistan); SSG Colby Bailey—Army; LT Boone McDaniel, Navy; CAPT Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force; SP4 Joshua Brucker (Fort Campbell); Skyler Rhea—Army (Saudi Arabia).

Concerns (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; MaryWade Smith 8.5.20; Grady Howard (death) 9.6.20.

Concerns (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Cristi Boyd 9.30.19; Diane Larose 10.7.19; Crystal Braswell 10.16.19; Ragan Harper 9.15.20.