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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
We Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

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September 4, 2022

10:00am

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who delight in the Word of God.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
and they will flourish.

GATHERING PRAYER

Extravagant God,
You pour out blessings upon us
and lead us on the path of true life.
Help us to choose your way again and again,
that we might revel in your love
and reflect it to all we meet.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

HYMN: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God #32*

CALL TO CONFESSION

In penitence and in faith,
let us confess our sin to the One
who waits to pour out mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
We confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely.
Instead, we calculate our gains and losses,
hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life.
Forgive us, and help us to treasure only you,
that we may follow you faithfully and discover the blessings
only you can give. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, your sins are forgiven.
Therefore be at peace to follow the good road,
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of wisdom,
by your Spirit speak this day a word of life,
and plant in us the power of your righteous love;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Acts 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. ⁵ And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶ So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you - see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

SERMON: “Meeting Jesus at Vidler’s 5 & 10”

Rev. Hope Harle-Mould

“Meet me at Vidler’s 5 & 10, Friday, September 2, 2022, at 9:00am

Look for three different people; give three different gifts; then you’ll see me.”-Your Teacher

SONG OF DEVOTION: *Go! By Pastor Hope* (please join in the chorus-see insert)

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

OFFERING *God is Here Today*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks this day for the goodness and love that you have shown to us in Christ and pray your blessing upon these gifts: may they build your love in the world, to the honor of your name. Amen.

SONG BEFORE COMMUNION *Taste and See #520*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit #66*

CHARGE

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

BENEDICTION

May the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
one God, Mother of us all,
keep you in love,
challenge you in faith,
and sustain you with grace,
this day and always.

We would like to thank Hope Harle-Mould for sharing his gifts with us today.

Hymns

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God #32

1 I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures through the Word and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky.

3 There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, are present there.

"Taste and See" #520

Refrain:

Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me. **(Refrain)**

2 Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free. **(Refrain)**

3 Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. **(Refrain)**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit #66

Refrain:

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain when my Lord spoke,
out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine. **(Refrain)**

2 Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body, but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track,
it runs to heaven and then right back. **(Refrain)**

SONG OF DEVOTION: Go! A song by Hope Harle-Mould (inspired by Isaiah 6:8-9a)

This is the first day of the rest of your life.
Breathe deep each moment.
The dreams you’ve long put off can now be fulfilled
If you...start now to live them.

Chorus:

So, go! Live! Give all that you can!

Go! Live! Give all that you can!

Go! Live! Give all that you can!

God says, “Go!”

Sometimes you don’t even believe in yourself,
Yet I believe in you.
You’ve got so many gifts you’re hiding deep inside.
Open! Blossom like a rose in the sun. (Chorus)

As you give to others, then you will find yourself.
This mystery of life, let’s explore:
As you let the power of love explode to fill your life,
Your hands—reaching out—will heal and give light. (Chorus)

Christ’s relay race goes on, but my role’s end...has come,
The torch I pass, pray Godspeed to runners young.
All I’ve seen in your eyes and all the songs we’ve sung—
Ripples—of God’s peace—flow out to touch each one. (Chorus)

QUOTATIONS FOR MEDITATION

“Sometimes our light goes out but is blown again into flame by an encounter with another human being. Each of us owes the deepest thanks to those who have rekindled our inner light.”—Albert Schweitzer

*“The bud stands for all things, even for those things that don’t flower,
for everything flowers from within, of self-blessing;
though sometimes it is necessary to re-teach a thing its loveliness,
to put a hand on its brow of the flower and retell it in words and in touch
it is lovely, until it flowers again from within, of self-blessing.”—Galway Kinnell*

For One Who Suffers

*“I know I cannot enter all you feel,
Nor bear with you the burden of your pain.
I can but offer what my love does give—the strength of caring,
the warmth of one who seeks to understand.
This I do in quiet ways—that on your lonely path you may not walk alone.”
—Howard Thurman, 20th century African-American theologian*

“It came steadily clearer to me that I had not the inward right to take as a matter of course my happy youth, my good health, and my power of work. Out of the depths of my feeling of happiness there grew up gradually within me an understanding of the saying of Jesus that we must not treat our lives as being for ourselves alone. Whoever is spared personal pain must feel himself called to help in diminishing the pain of others. We must all carry our share of the misery which lies upon the world.” —Albert Schweitzer