

A Celebration of Christian Worship

November 15, 2020 ~ 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Svetlana Morse, Music Director

Prelude: Softly and Tenderly Svetlana Morse

Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Call to Worship

L: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for God.

P: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold God's face?

L: My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

P: Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me?

L: I will place my hope in God, my rock and my redeemer.

P: I will praise the Lord, my help and my salvation.

L: Come, let us worship.

Opening Prayer

God of Compassion, you love the world with a complete, joyful, and selfless love. You call us to love you and our neighbor in the same way. Teach us to be generous in love and ready to serve. Inspire us to share our talents and our time. Help us to live with such passion and purpose, that we may one day look back and smile at what we have given to others in the name of your love. Amen.

Hymn: #3008 Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart: I want to see you, I want to see you. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart: I want to see you, I want to see you

***To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.**

Pour out your power and love as we sing Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. (repeat from the *)

Children's Time

Lorna Wade

Scripture Reading: Luke 21:1-4

Everett Shepard

Special Music: Amazing Grace

Sermon: Giving from the Heart

Rev. Dr. David Calhoun

District Superintendent of Seacoast District)

Hymn of Response: #408 The Gift of Love

1/ Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2/ Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3/ Come, spirit, come. Our hearts control and our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Confession

O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good: We gather to give you our thanks, yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less.

Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving; and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Stewardship Shawn Johnston, Chair of Stewardship/Finance

Sharing Our Gifts and Tithes

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***Doxology #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**
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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn: #2153 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

- 1/ I'm gonna live so (live so) God an use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!) / I'm gonna live so (live so) God an use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!)
- 2/ I'm gonna work so (work so) God an use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!) I'm gonna work so (work so) God an use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!)
- 3/ I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God an use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!) I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God an use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!)
- 4/ I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God an use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!) I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God an use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!)

***Benediction**

Postlude: Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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