Worship Service

(4/26/2020)

**Prelude** (*Just As I am, without one plea*)

*Verse 1*

*Just as I am—without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee—  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Verse 2*

*Just as I am—and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot—  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Verse 3*

*Just as I am—though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without—  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Verse 4*

*Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need in Thee to find—  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

**Welcome and announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Confession of Sins**

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Absolution**

**Introit**

**Scripture Lessons**

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-25

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

**Confession of Faith**

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 Spirit; 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 is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn before the sermon:** (*Children of the Heavenly Father*)

*Verse 1*

*Children of the heav’nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e’er was given.*

*Verse 2*

*God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish;  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.*

*Verse 3*

*Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.*

*Verse 4*

*Praise the Lord in joyful numbers:  
Your Protector never slumbers;  
At the will of your Defender  
Every foeman must surrender.*

**Sermon**

“Living in Exile” 1 Peter 1:17-25

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** (*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing)*

*Verse 1*

*Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.*

*Verse 2*

*Thanks we give and adoration  
For Thy Gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of Thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful,  
To the truth may we be found.*

*Verse 3*

*So that when Thy love shall call us,  
Savior, from the world away,  
Let no fear of death appall us,  
Glad Thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever,  
Reign with Thee in endless day.*