Worship Service

(5/24/2020)

**Prelude** (*Love Divine, All Love Excelling*)

*Verse 1*

*Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
All thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation;  
Enter every trembling heart.*

*Verse 2*

*Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit,  
Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit;  
Let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.*

*Verse 3*

*Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
Never more Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.*

*Verse 4*

*Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

**Welcome and announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Confession of Sins**

Dear Heavenly Father, we bow before You to confess that we have sinned against You in our words, actions and our thoughts. We come to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your great mercy. We come to You in the merits of Jesus Christ, not our own. Look not upon our sins, or our iniquity, but wash us in the blood of Jesus Christ so that we may be clean before You. This we pray in His Name, Amen.

**Absolution**

**Introit**

**Scripture Lessons**

First Lesson: Acts 1:12-26

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Gospel: John 17:1-11

**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:** (*My Hope is built on nothing less*)

*Verse 1*

*My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.*

*Refrain*

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*Verse 2*

*When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.*

*Refrain*

*Verse 3*

*His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.*

*Refrain*

*Verse 4*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.*

*Refrain*

**Sermon**

“Rejoice and Be Glad” 1 Peter 4:12-19

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** (*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound)*

*Verse 1*

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.*

*Verse 2*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!*

*Verse 3*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.*

*Verse 4*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.*