



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All



Memorial to the Persecuted - Bearing a Heavy Weight Together
By Peter Gaspar 1999, Komarno, Slovakia

July 5, 2020 | Worship 10 am

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *"Badinerie"* by J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) inspired by Matthew 11

Come all who are weary

of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division

Come all who are heavy-laden

with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger

Come all who have hope

for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom

Hear these words: "See, I am making all things new."

Let us freely worship God!

*HYMN #452 *"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"* by Paul Baloche

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

[Chorus:]

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 [Chorus]

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy, 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,
[Chorus]*

*Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You*

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (in unison)

**Holy God, In times of weakness and hour of need,
yours is the strength by which we carry on,
the shoulder we rest our head upon.**

**When our load is heavy and too much to bear,
yours are the arms stretched out to help us
the grace that we depend on.**

**In times of weakness and hour of need,
your voice is heard,**

'Come... find rest.'

**This is grace divine,
the path we tread to wholeness
of body and spirit,
the path that leads to you,**

and for which we offer our offering of praise. Amen

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"The Peace"*

by George Frederick Handel arr. By E. Power Biggs

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 145:8-14

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"America the Beautiful" by Katherine Lee Bates

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Come to Jesus!"

Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway

*HYMN #465 (vs. 1) *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus* by Charles Converse

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit;
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Blessed are you, O God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit created all things and called them good. In Jesus Christ, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Through Jesus' suffering and death, you destroyed the power of sin and death forever. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, You poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this cup we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

HYMN # 527 *"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"* by Jacques Berthier

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.

COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Liberty and Justice for all,

We thank you for allowing us to partake in this meal of grace.

We celebrate our freedom to pray and worship you publicly, freely choosing the mode, content and object of our worship with no government influence.

We give you thanks for religious liberty. Our prayers this day are for those who know not this most basic form of human dignity.

We know there are powers still which have not discovered the beauty of diversity and — out of fear — compel those under their influence to believe in their government prescribed ways.

We pray for a change of heart and for a change of policy so that all may enjoy freedom of religion, freedom from oppression, and freedom from discrimination.

While the slow arch of redemption is still at work, we pray for those suffering such oppression. May they still be able to find a recognition of your magnitude and presence. We trust that faith in you will lighten their burdens and bring peace to the world around them.

We pray for this country and for those parts of the world that have established religious liberty and equity, but they still experience violence against human rights. We pray that your peace that promotes tolerance and cooperative diversity will reign not only here but around the world.

Holy Lord, inspire in all of us a vision of a better world and the will to lead in that direction where oppression of any kind is finally ended. Give us your

courage to do your will and your strength to endure this time of turmoil in the world.

In gratitude and with great joy we raise our voices on this weekend of our independence as we praise and thank you for our freedom, liberty, justice, mercy and most of all we thank you for communicating your deep love for us, as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us say:

(The Lord's Prayer) 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN #192 *"Shine, Jesus, Shine* by Graham Kendrick

*Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now
bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.*

*Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze Spirit, Blaze;
set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and
mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

*Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your
radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me;
consume all my darkness. Shine on me; shine on me.*

*Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze Spirit, Blaze;
set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and
mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

*As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your
story. Shine on me; shine on me.*

*Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze Spirit, Blaze;
set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and
mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

BENEDICTION

May God give you Grace never to sell yourself short!

Grace to risk something big for something good!

Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth

And too small for anything but love!

POSTLUDE *"Fireworks Music Overture"* by G.F. Handel arr. By E. P. Biggs

Please pick up a "goody bag" as you leave.

Hope to see you next Sunday!

*A Special Thanks to Tekla Cartmell Coronado
for being our sign language interpreter today!*

Ref: Call to worship adapted from: *I Am Making All Things New*, written by Rosie Venner. Posted on the **WSCF Europe** website. <http://wscf-europe.org/mozaik-issues/mozaik-25-the-powers-that-be/worship-i-am-making-all-things-new/> Congregational prayer ~ written by John Birch, and posted on **Faith and Worship**. <http://www.faithandworship.com/>

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PRAYER REQUESTS Please include in your prayers

*The family and friends of Gwen Christiansen, as they mourn her passing on June 5, 2020

*The family of Ray Foreaker, as they mourn his passing on April 23, 2020

*The family of Jeanette Nichols, as they mourn her passing on April 21, 2020

*The family of Norma Cooper, as they mourn her recent passing.

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

****Ann Palmer is in hospice care in Concord, Ca, near her son, Tom.***

Bill Beaumont	Marilyn Hilen	Debbie Seat
Bob Bunting	Janice Holmes	Bob Simmons
Patrick Butler	Carolyn Kenworthy	Sharon Sorani
Peggy Call	Vivian Mazeski	Shirley Walton
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THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.