

∞ Order of Worship ∞

May 2, 2021
10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (paraphrased from Psalms 22):

Leader: God, we seek You and praise You.

People: You satisfy our needs as we seek You.

Leader: The families of the nations shall worship You.

People: We will share Your love with all the generations to come.

PRAISE SONG “Thy Word” v. 2 by Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, we live with lies and illusions when we should be in prayer. We have more than enough, yet we do not share and we call for more. Lord, help us to see You and treat others as You treat us. We pray You will forgive our sins and purge us of all wrongdoing. Please help us to start the day in Your light, Lord, and to be more loving in all we say, think and do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even as we all have sinned,

People: You, Lord, continue to love all creation and bring us to Your Sabbath.

Leader: You, Lord, continue to forgive us and hold us in Your loving family,

People: And lead us as we confess and repent.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 15:1-8

CHILDREN’S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”
(sung by Scott Miller)

SERMON “Good Pruning”

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER TIME-THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL

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 No. 497 “Near to the Heart of God” v. 3

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Under God Be the Glory” Gilbert Martin

Thy Word

Refrain:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
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And a light unto my path.

Verse 2:

I will not forget Your love for me and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to Your side,
And I will love You to the end.

Refrain

And a light unto my path.
You're the light unto my path.

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Near to the Heart of God

Verse 3:

There is a place of full release
Near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace,
Near to the Heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us who wait before Thee
Near to the heart of God.

Text & Music: *McAfee*, Cleland B. McAfee

Thank You

A big thank you to Chuck and Linda Nydam. The administrative entrance is newly painted and it looks great! Also, take a look at the picture of Jesus that has been donated by Lynne White that is now hanging in the administrative entrance.

Sympathy

Sympathy goes to the family of Camila Clough. Camilla passed away April 25, 2021.

Blanket Sunday

We can be our strongest, our kindest and our most Christ-like when we are connected. It makes the symbol of a CWS Blanket even more powerful: think of all the individual pieces of thread and wool being pulled together to cover someone with warmth! Without any one of those pieces-without you!-the story would not be the same. Church World Services distributes thousands of blankets around the world. You will reach families fleeing their homes, recovering from disaster and more. Share blankets, warmth, and comfort with your neighbors.

Giving envelopes will be in the May 16th and May 23rd bulletins.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who gave me cards and gifts for *Administrative Professional Day*. I feel blessed to work with so many wonderful people. Thank you so much!
Arlene

Administrative Door

There is a new push button lock on the administrative door. Each person (family) has their own code. Please call Arlene or Dave Parsons to get your personal code.

Hold your palm over the lock and the device will come on, then punch in your number and hit the * key.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you to those who have generously supported current Mission Projects.

One Great Hour of Sharing donations will be continued through the month of May. There are envelopes and information available in the office if you would like to donate. The participation total in 2019 was \$1200. Currently we are only halfway to that goal.



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