



Service of Worship  
May 10, 2020 10:00am

## Gathering

PRELUDE

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”  
Linda Dover, organist

arr. Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Listen to the promise Jesus makes:  
“I will never abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.  
Even though the world will not be able to see me,  
I will never vanish from your sight.  
And since I live, you will also live.”

**All: We come into the presence of the living God to  
worship, seek and listen for direction.**

**With open eyes, hearts, and minds, we worship God.**

HYMN 451

[“Open My Eyes, That I May See”](#)

OPEN MY EYES

A VISIT WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Led by One)*

by Rev. Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.

One: Gracious God, Champion of the Universe, here we are, frightened by a thing so small it can't be seen under most microscopes. It's not even an animal or a plant. It's a virus, a mere parasite, dependent on our own living cells to replicate. And yet it has shuttered our schools, cancelled our flights, and emptied our churches. It has consumed

the attention of our leading scientists, wrenched our politics out of shape, dominated our conversations, and scared the daylights out of us.

We don't want to get sick. And we don't want to die.

We are afraid, O God. Afraid of a microorganism. Afraid of each other.

Great and quiet source of peace, quiet our fears. We are wary, uncertain, strung tight. Quiet our fears. We have no idea what the future will bring, but we do know you will be in our future to hold us there. We cannot quiet ourselves, O God. We cannot comfort ourselves, cannot heal ourselves, cannot help ourselves. All we can do is wash our hands and keep our distance. Our rocket science is no good to us for this threat.

O God, great and quiet source of peace, quiet us, your anxious ones, and let us cling for comfort to your suffering Son, Jesus Christ. Gather us under his wings. Remind us that he suffers with us, but he's also the great physician. In him, let us not be afraid. Please, let us not be afraid. Amen.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Jesus knows our every weakness, and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace and know the peace of Christ for we are forgiven.

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you and all others!**

#### ANTHEM

#### "This Is My Word"

by Pepper Choplin

Chancel Ensemble

based on Isaiah 55:10-12

*As the snow falls from heaven*

*as it comes in swirling showers from the sky, so is my Word.*

*As the rains bring the water to the earth that is thirsty and dry, so is my Word.*

*And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty,*

*it will bless the earth wherever it is heard, this is my Word.*

*As the rains bring renewal and the tender buds begin to come alive, so is my Word.*

*Giving seed to the sower and the bread to the hungry till they thrive, so is my Word.*

*O Lord, when I am weary, when I feel the days I'm living are in vain,  
my God, help me be faithful to the Word You have given to proclaim.*

*And you will go out in joy and be led forth in peace,*

*and the hills will break before you into song.*

*So be faithful, brave, and true, for I will go before you.*

*And when your earthly journey here is done, I'll say well done.*

*As the snow falls from heaven and the*

*rain comes in showers from the sky, this is my Word.*

#### PRAYER FOR PEACE OF MIND (video)

HYMN 184

[“Calm to the Waves”](#)  
(Sung repeatedly as in meditation)

CALM SEAS

## Equipping

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 14:7–14 (CEB\*)

Max Passett, Confirmand

7 If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him.” 8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us.” 9 Jesus replied, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don’t speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. 12 I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. 14 When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“What Do We Do Now?”

Rev. Sue Trigger

## Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Max Passett, Confirmand

HYMN 80

[“You Shall Go Out With Joy”](#)

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Recessional”

Thomas R. Berdes

Linda Dover, organist

*\*Common English Bible*

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