Service of Worship
August 30, 2020 10:00am
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE
“Song”
by John Carter
Linda Dover, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Recognition of Service – Kathy Connor

CALL TO WORSHIP (spoken together)
The enemy: love them
The oppressor: walk the mile with them
The Master: turn the other cheek to them

This doormat faith seems too much to bear
in a world where those who bully always seem to win

The enemy: imbalance them with love
The oppressor: shame the law that oppresses
The Master: turn the cheek as an equal

This rebellious faith seems too much to bear
in a world where those who bully are loved back to justice by the bullied
But this is heaven’s revolution and we are called into it
come let us worship love’s rebel, Jesus.
Hymn 744  “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”  FESTAL SONG

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

744  Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1  Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
2  Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
3  Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
4  Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!

show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today,
proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894

TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One:  May the peace of Christ be with you.
All:  And also with you and all others!
Where Charity and Love Prevail

1 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
2 Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God’s holy Son.
3 Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
4 Let us forgive each other’s faults as we our own confess,
5 Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God’s name;

brought together by Christ’s love, by love we thus are bound.
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.
Be God’s the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ’s “new commandment” that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

MUSIC: Lucius Chapin, 1812

Equipping
9 Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. 10 Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. 11 Don’t hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! 12 Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you’re in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of God’s people, and welcome strangers into your home. 14 Bless people who harass you—bless and don’t curse them. 15 Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. 16 Consider everyone as equal, and don’t think that you’re better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don’t think that you’re so smart. 17 Don’t pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good. 18 If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. 19 Don’t try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath. It is written, Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back, says the Lord.[a] 20 Instead, If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head.[b] 21 Don’t be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM
“Come Away” by Ken Medema
Chancel Ensemble
Come away for a little time apart, for the changing of the heart; come away.
Come away to a taste so bittersweet, where hope and heartache meet; come away.
Here is light to light the darkest maze, here is song to fill the pathless days.
Here is call among the crowded ways.
Bread of Life, wine of happiness and tears, faithfulness and fears,
this feast awaits you here; come away.

SERMON
“If Possible” Rev. Mitch Trigger
Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
Recognition of Service

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
We Will Go Out with Joy

1. We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
2. Now an-y-one who’s born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
3. We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
Now an-y-one who’s born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

Al-le-lu-ia! We will go out with joy.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.

TEXT and MUSIC: Andrew Donaldson and Hilary Seraph Donaldson, 2003

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