

Order of Worship

October 18th 2020 ~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

Come and worship,
all you who love and serve the Lord:

There is no one like our God!

The First and Last – the only One:

There is no one like our God!

Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer and King:

There is no one like our God!

The Rock in whom we place our trust:

There is no one like our God!

Let's worship God together.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

The Compassion Hymn

Verse 1

There is an everlasting kindness
You lavished on us
When the radiance of heaven
Came to rescue the lost
You called the sheep without
A shepherd to leave their distress
For Your streams of forgiveness
And the shade of Your rest

Verse 2

And with compassion for the
hurting
You reached out Your hand
As the lame ran to meet You
And the dead breathed again
You saw behind the eyes of
Sorrow and shared in our tears
Heard the sigh of the weary
Let the children draw near

Chorus

What boundless love what
fathomless grace

You have shown us O God of
compassion
Each day we live an off'ring of
praise
As we show to the world Your
compassion

Verse 3

We stood beneath the cross of
Calv'ry
And gazed on Your face
At the thorns of oppression
And the wounds of disgrace
For surely You have borne our
suff'ring
And carried our grief
As You pardoned the scoffer
And showed grace to the thief

Chorus

What boundless love what
fathomless grace
You have shown us O God of
compassion

Each day we live an off'ring of
praise
As we show to the world Your
compassion

Verse 4

How beautiful the feet
That carry this gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice
And the valleys of need
To be a voice of hope and healing
To answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless
With the mercy of Christ

Chorus

What boundless love what
fathomless grace
You have shown us O God of
compassion
Each day we live an off'ring of
praise
As we show to the world Your
compassion

Opening Prayer

Loving God,
whose touch can heal the broken places of life,
touch us today...
God of peace,
whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits
of confusion and despair,
reassure us today...
Forgiving God,
whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace,
place your mercy in our souls today...
Open our hearts to new faithfulness,
redirect our waywardness,
hold us gently in your goodness, and fill us with hearts of compassion.
In the name of our Lord Jesus, we pray, **Amen.**

~ adapted from Peter K. Perry

Special Music

Fire of Compassion
Jason Shadie, Glen Spencer, & Ryan Day

Scripture Readings

—, reader

Isaiah 49:8-13

8 This is what the Lord says:
“At just the right time, I will respond to you.
On the day of salvation I will help you.
I will protect you and give you to the people
as my covenant with them.
Through you I will reestablish the land of Israel
and assign it to its own people again.
9 I will say to the prisoners, ‘Come out in
freedom,’
and to those in darkness, ‘Come into the light.’
They will be my sheep, grazing in green
pastures
and on hills that were previously bare.
10 They will neither hunger nor thirst.
The searing sun will not reach them anymore.

For the Lord in his mercy will lead them;
he will lead them beside cool waters.
11 And I will make my mountains into level
paths for them.
The highways will be raised above the valleys.
12 See, my people will return from far away,
from lands to the north and west,
and from as far south as Egypt.”
13 Sing for joy, O heavens!
Rejoice, O earth!
Burst into song, O mountains!
For the Lord has comforted his people
and will have compassion on them in their
suffering.

Matthew 20:29-34 (Common English Bible)

29 As Jesus and his disciples were going out of Jericho a large crowd followed him. 30 When two blind men sitting along the road heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, "Show us mercy, Lord, Son of David!"

31 Now the crowd scolded them and told them to be quiet. But they shouted even louder, "Show us mercy, Lord, Son of David!"

32 Jesus stopped in his tracks and called to them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

33 "Lord, we want to see," they replied.

34 Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they were able to see, and they followed him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Poppies

Senior Pastor Robert de Wetter

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

—, reader

Offertory

Compassion (Change The World)

Andrew Witt

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

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Communion

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Comfort Comfort All My People

Chorus

Comfort comfort all My people
With the comfort of My Word
Speak it tender to My people
All your sins are taken away

Verse 1

Though your tears be rivers
running
Though your tears be an ocean full
Though you cry with the hurt of
living
Comfort comfort
Every valley shall be lifted
Every mountain shall be low
Every rough place will be
smoother
Comfort comfort

Chorus

Comfort comfort all My people
With the comfort of My Word
Speak it tender to My people
All your sins are taken away

Verse 2

Though your eyes see only
darkness
Though your eyes can see no light
Though your eyes see pain and
sorrow
Comfort comfort
Every night will have its morning
Every pain will have an end
Every burden will be lightened
Comfort comfort

Chorus

Comfort comfort all My people
With the comfort of My Word
Speak it tender to My people
All your sins are taken away

Verse 3

Though we build strong walls for
prisons
Though we feast while others
starve
Though we fill this world with
weapons
Comfort comfort

Every prisoner will be rescued
Every hungry mouth be filled
Every gun will rust forgotten
Comfort comfort

Chorus

Comfort comfort all My people
With the comfort of My Word
Speak it tender to My people
All your sins are taken away

Verse 4

Though we fracture God's creation
Though we stand so far apart
Though we fail to love each other
Comfort comfort
Every wall will crack and crumble
Every stranger will be friend
Every one embrace another
Comfort comfort

Chorus

Comfort comfort all My people
With the comfort of My Word
Speak it tender to My people
All your sins are taken away

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Back Talk

Closing Prayer

God of mercy,
You endowed us with sympathy and compassion,
Giving us moments of rejoicing
And moments of sorrow.
Help us to turn them both into blessings.
Let us remember the joys,
So that we may bring them into the world as hope.
Let us remember the pain,
So that we may bring it into the world as healing.
God of love,
Let Your gifts fill our days,
Let Your wisdom fills our hearts,
Let your compassion guide our actions.
In your strong name, Lord Jesus, we pray
Amen.

adapted from Alden Solovy

Blessing

Postlude

True Colors

Billy Steinberg & Tom Kelly

Our love in action now begins...

Our Sunday School is next...

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by Michael Schoepe.