

Order of Worship
March 27th 2022 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Passacaglia on an Old English Tune
attributed to Thomas Tallis by Rebecca Clarke

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

In the cool morning of early spring, we rise –

Leaving the shelter of our homes to gather in the shelter of this place.

This is the house of God, who is present but not constrained here;

This is our house, the place where we belong, the place where we welcome strangers as guests.

So may we welcome each other, and may we worship God. Amen.

– written by Beth Merrill Neel

Hymn

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
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As we show to the world Your
compassion

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus,
you know that we are hungry for many things,
acceptance and recognition,
meaning and purpose,
a sign that we are valuable.
We are hungry for love.
It is so easy to fill ourselves with other things,
to pursue the love of money,
to follow vain desires.
In a world of great inequality,
where Lazarus still begs at the rich man's gate,
give us thankful acceptance of the gift of life,
and recognition of the common wealth of sharing.
Teach us the meaning of contentment with enough
and a purpose not in our own needs alone
but in the needs of others.
You have given us such worth;
fill us with your love,
show us what really satisfies. **Amen.**

– Weekly Worship

Special Music

Ballad from Suite for Viola and Chamber Orchestra
R. Vaughan Williams

Scripture Reading

Jaqui Forster, reader

Esther 4:10-17

New Living Translation

10 Then Esther told Hathach to go back and relay this message to Mordecai: 11 “All the king’s officials and even the people in the provinces know that anyone who appears before the king in his inner court without being invited is doomed to die unless the king holds out his gold scepter. And the king has not called for me to come to him for thirty days.” 12 So Hathach gave Esther’s message to Mordecai.

13 Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: “Don’t think for a moment that because you’re in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. 14 If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?”

15 Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: 16 “Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.” 17 So Mordecai went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Flourishing, Part 4: Meaning and Purpose
Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People
Jaqui Forster, Reader

Offertory

Prelude from Suite for Viola and Chamber Orchestra
R. Vaughan Williams

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

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

Verse 2

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand

And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

Verse 3

We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

Verse 4

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

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Closing Prayer

It is time to go out and share God' purpose
which has been disclosed in Jesus Christ.
Share God's purpose with others by the way you live:
with the words on your lips,
by the deeds of your hands,
with the prayers in your minds,
and through the love in your hearts.
The grace of Christ will redeem you
the enduring love of God will support you,
the friendship of the Holy Spirit will accompany you,
this day and ever more. Amen.

~ written by Bruce Prewer

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins...

Our Sunday School is next...

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Abigail Dreher & Terry Lee.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!
Greeters: Marion Garrett
Readers: Jaqui Forster & Marion Garrett
Altar setting: Sue de Campo
Coffee Service: Mark Breen

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