

Sunday, May 15th~ What We Know About God

Prelude, Words of Welcome, Reading from Today's Daily Texts

Opening Hymn

*"Join We All with One Accord" #525 vs. 1,2
Join we all with one accord; praise we all our common Lord;
For we all have heard his voice, all have made his will our choice.
Join we with the saints of old, no more strangers in the fold,
one the Shepherd who us sought, one the flock his blood has bought.

One the name in which we pray, one our Savior day by day;
With one Cup and with one Bread thus one covenant way we tread.
One in spirit, one in life, one amid earth's frequent strife,
One in faith and one in love, one in hope of heaven above.*

Liturgy Creation, page 27- middle of page 29

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightening and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

Princes and rulers, men and women, old and young together,

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget none of his benefits.

He forgives our sins and heals our diseases; he redeems our lives and crowns us with love and compassion.

We have one who speaks to the Father in our defense- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for the sins of the whole world.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart, in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins.

Gracious God, we confess to you our sins: sins of oppression, when prejudice, fear, and hate rule our hearts; sins of neglect, when we poison the earth for profit or ignore pleas for mercy and justice; sins of pride; and sins of greed. Lord, forgive us when we feed our anger and bathe in our despair. Hear now our confessions and know our hearts.

SILENT CONFESSION

Have mercy, O God, according to your unfailing love;

Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Amen

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

TUNE: Martin Nystrom

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

In praise of our Creator, let us affirm our faith.

I believe in the one true God, the Father of humanity, who creates and sustains the universe in wisdom and power, who calls us into being and into relationship with God by grace, whose nature is love.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who lived that we might see God, who died that we might be reconciled to God, who rose again that we might experience the life of God, who freely accepts and welcomes all who come to him, not on the basis of their merit, but on the basis of his unconditional love.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who is God present with us now, who shows us our need for God, who assures us of God's love in all circumstances, who lives the life and the love of Jesus Christ through us.

**In this faith I will seek to live in harmony with God, with people everywhere, and with all of creation.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers**

Meditation With Youth and Children

Scripture Acts 17:16-31

Sermon *What We Know About God*

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to reflect Christ's light in our care for others*

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Closing Hymn

"To God Whose Mercy Knows No Bounds" #541

To God whose mercy knows no bounds, we gratefully direct our sounds, O praise him, alleluia!

Within this space and then beyond his presence stirs us to respond,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The music that restores and heals the Source of harmony reveals-

O praise him, alleluia! He speaks in thunder and in sigh, and blessed on hearing we reply,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We thank you with uplifted voice, this word of praise our joyful choice: Alleluia, alleluia!

O gracious Spirit, may our song to you eternally belong!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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