

David's UCC on July 19, 2020
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Online Worship Bulletin



Opening Music – (please note – the music will play approximately 10 minutes prior to 10:00 a.m.)

Welcome – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Call to Worship – *Emily Phillips*

One: Surely the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Many: All creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

One: We groan inwardly as we wait with all of creation to be made whole;

Many: As we wait for adoption, the healing and redemption of our bodies, we long to know God's salvation to match our great need.

One: And as we wait we hope for what we do not see.

All: *As we wait and hope, we gather in mind and spirit, in all the places that we are, to worship the living God together.*

Invocation –

Children's Moment –

Announcements and Invitation for Support – www.davidsucc.org

Special Music – *Tim Williams & Lyn Morton*

"Be Thou My Vision," Trad. Irish Melody, arr. Lloyd Larson

Canticle – Psalm 139, selected verses (The Message)

One: God, investigate my life; get all the facts firsthand.

Many: We are an open book to you, even from a distance you know what we're thinking.

One: You know when I leave and when I get back; I'm never out of your sight.

Many: You know everything we're going to say before we start a sentence.

One: I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there too--

Many: Your reassuring presence, coming and going, is too much, too

wonderful—We can't take it all in!

One: Is there anyplace I can go to avoid your Spirit? To be out of your sight?

Many: If we climb to the sky, you're there! If we go underground, you're there!

One: If I flew on the morning's wings to the far western horizon—

Many: You'd find us in a minute—You're already there waiting!

One: Then I said to myself, "Oh, God even sees me in the dark! At night I'm immersed in the light!"

Many: It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you; night and day, darkness and light, they're all the same to you.

One: Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about;

All: *See for yourself whether we've done anything wrong or hurtful, then guide us in the way of eternal life.*

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Most gracious God, Giver of life, who loves and forgives us though unworthy, we confess that we are burdened by excess baggage as we travel the roads you send us down. We are caught up too easily in the trappings of religion that give us leverage to judge others, rather than rejoicing in the life of the Spirit, and inviting every person we encounter to join us on the journey of faith. We seek too quickly to be a successful organization rather than a church on a mission guided by love for all. Too often we wish to be served rather than to serve. For all this, forgive us, and free us to walk the paths of righteousness alongside one another as a joyous expression of life's creative possibilities; through Jesus the Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the path to true Life. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer –

Hymn – "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

(Tim & Lyn will play while you sing, together, at home.)

- 1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown,
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.**
- 2. Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit, let us find your promised rest;**

**Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**3. Finish, then, your new creation; pure and spotless may be prove;
Let us see your great salvation perfectly restored in you;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Scripture –

Hebrew: Genesis 28: 10 - 22

Epistle: Romans 8: 12 - 25

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43

Sermon – “Grace Is a Both/And Proposition In an Either/Or World”

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – “God of Grace and God of Glory/Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
John Hughes, arr. Curt Oliver

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