

Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Sermon
Loving People

The Rev. Peter Larson

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn

We are One in the Spirit

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 or love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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)

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)

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)

Benediction

The Rev. Peter Larson

Postlude
Improvisation on Holy, Holy, Holy

Kyle Mazur

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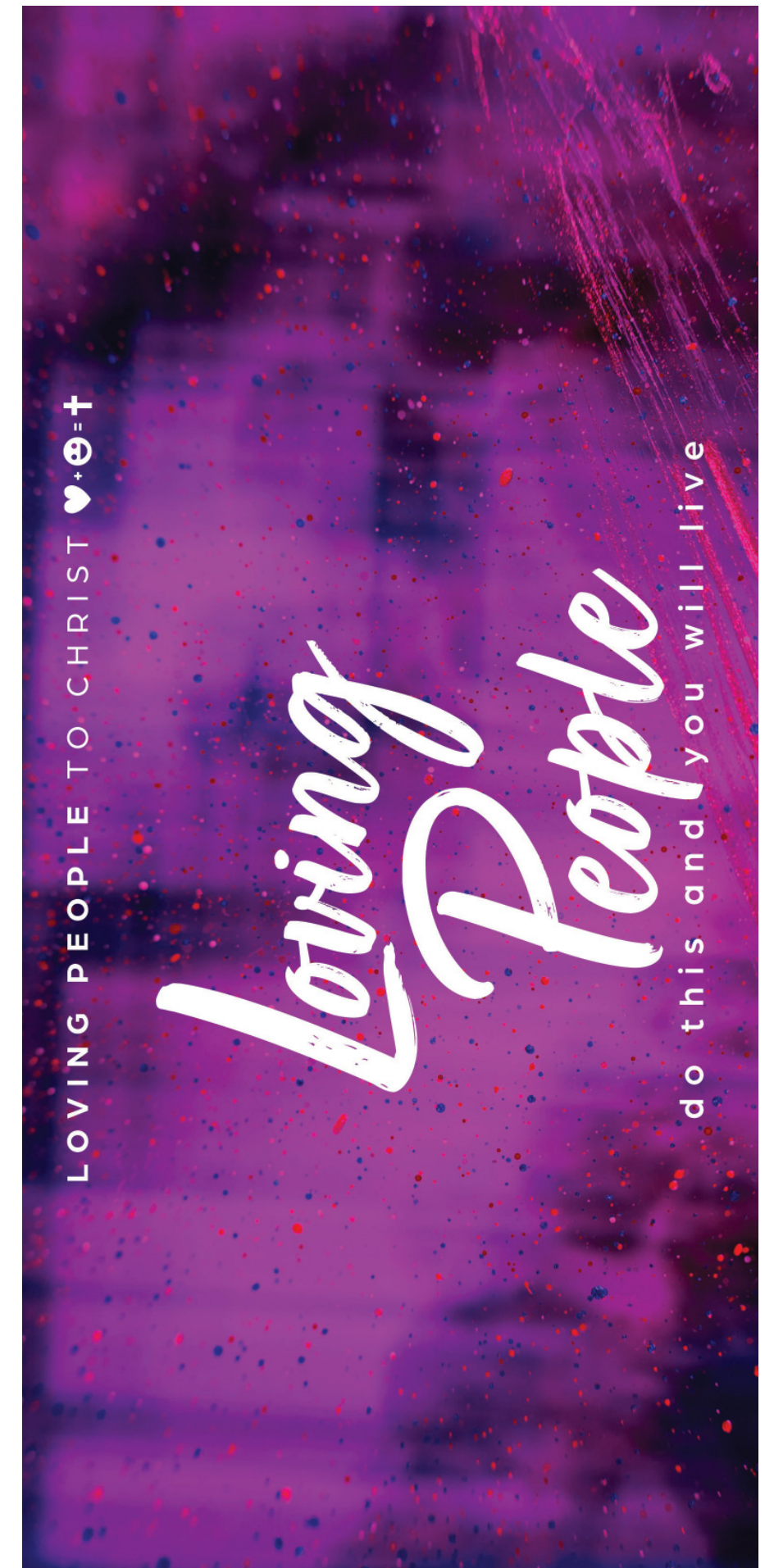
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Sunday, January 24, 2021

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Service

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Peter Larson

Prelude

Patty Corfman, Oboe and Daniel Sachs, Piano

There is a Balm in Gilead arr. James Michael Stevens Stephen

*Call to Worship (Psalm 89 selected verses) The Rev. Peter Larson

Leader: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever.

People: With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

Leader: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

People: The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness, too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne, love and faithfulness go before you.

People: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord.

Leader: They rejoice in your name all day long; they exult in your righteousness. For you are their glory and strength.

All: Praise be to the Lord forever! Amen and Amen!

*Opening Hymn

All Glory Be to God on High

All glory be to God on high
And thanks to him forever!
Whatever Satan's host may try,
God foils their dark endeavor.
He bends his ear to every call
And offers peace, goodwill to all,
And calms the troubled spirit.

O Father, for your lordship true
We give you praise and honor;
We worship you, we trust in you,
We give you thanks, forever
Your will is perfect, and your might
Relentlessly confirms the right
Your lordship is our blessing.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son
Of God, creation's author,
Redeemer of your wandering ones,
And source of all true pleasure,
O Lamb of God, O lord divine
Conform our lives to your design,
And on all have mercy

O Holy Spirit, perfect gift,
Who brings us consolation
To men and women saved by Christ
Assure your inspiration
Through sickness, need, and bitter death,
Grant us your warm, life giving breath;
Our lives are in your keeping.

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession

The Rev. John Morris

Gracious and eternal God, you are not just loving – you are love. You are the source of all mercy and compassion. Without you, we cannot love anyone. Without you, there is only pride and envy. Without you, there is only strife and conflict. Without you, there is only anger and hatred. Lord, forgive us for trying to love without you. Remind us again that we cannot love our neighbor, unless you reign and rule in our hearts. By your Holy Spirit, fill us with your love that never fails. Fill us with your love that is costly and unconditional. In a world that is unforgiving, help us to forgive. In a world that is ungracious, help us to show grace. In a world that is divided, help us to make peace. In a world that is dark and perverse and corrupt, may we shine like the stars in heaven. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

* *Response Glorify Your Name*

Father we love You, we worship and adore You

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Jesus we love You, we worship and adore You

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Spirit we love You, we worship and adore You

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Ordain and Install a Deacon

Sue Waits

Prayers of the People

The Rev. John Morris

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication

Rachel Jaynes 8:30

Chris Dorsch 10:00

Offertory

Patty Corfman, Oboe and Daniel Sachs, Piano

The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Christine Robbins

WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading

Andrew Johnson 8:30

1 John 2:7-17

Skyler Gerald 10:00

⁷ Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸ Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹

But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them. ¹² I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. ¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. ¹⁴ I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one. ¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King,
all, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind?
I see thy cross— there teach my heart to cling:
O let me seek thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.

“Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶

“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” ²⁷

He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” ²⁸ “You have answered correctly,”