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Bulletin

April 23, 1995
Second Sunday of Easter

Hymn No. 159 "Lift High the Cross"

Psalter Psalm 133: page 850
Creed number 886

Scripture John 20: 19-31

Hymn No. 317 "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"
(verses 1, 6 - 9)

Sermon "What Is So Offensive?"

Hymn No. 436 "The Voice of God is Calling"

Prayer of Confession:

Lord of Life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity.

"And all things...whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing...you shall receive. And as many as touched : Him were made whole!"

"Wait on the Lord. Be of good course and He shall strengthen thine heart. For we dwell in the shelter of the Almighty. He is our refuge and our strength."

"We know that in everything, God works together for good with those who love Him!"

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint".

"God so love the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life".

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases!"

"Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in thee".

"In the name of Jesus Christ, I share with you the Good News: We are forgiven".

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

O Thou, who hearest prayer, hear our prayers...for others, as well as for ourselves. Touch with healing, O God...Father of us all, those whom we mention in our prayers this hour:

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...beloved members and friends of this congregation. Comfort the bereaved and the broken hearted among us...and especially be close to _____ who in recent days has lost a loved one. Abide among us as a healing benediction. Heal each of us at the point of our deepest need.

Answer the upspoken prayers now offered to thee on the altars of our hearts, spoken in the name and spirit of Jesus, who taught us to say when we pray.... For we ask all of this in the powerful name and lifting spirit of Jesus who taught us to say when we pray...

"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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the glory, forever. Amen"

FIRST INTRODUCTION

The week of toil has ended. Our day of rest is at hand. May the rest and the quiet of this hour of worship refresh our inner life. And may it renew in all of us a sense of God's holy and abiding Presence.

In silence, let each now pray as the heart may prompt.

SECOND INTRODUCTION

Remaining in a prayerful spirit, let us enter now into a time of silent meditation....a time in which we prepare ourselves expectantly...that the Spirit of the living God may be made real to us in this hour of worship.

In quietness, let each now pray as the heart may prompt.

THIRD INTRODUCTION

Remaining in a prayerful spirit, let us enter into a time of silent meditation as we come into the Presence of Him whom our faith declares to be the Source of all life and love, all peace and power, the Source of all hope and healing.

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FOURTH INTRODUCTION

Remaining in a prayerful spirit, let us enter now into a time of silent meditation. In these moments, let us ponder the pattern our lives have been weaving as we come into the Presence of Him whom our Faith declares to be the Source of all life and love, all peace and power, the Source of all hope and healing.

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MEDITATION

We rest our hearts in the Promise of Jesus who said:

"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of Me, for My yoke is easy and My burden is light".

"Ask, and it will be given you. Seek and you will find. Knock, and it will be open unto you."

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, but by Me. If you love Me, you will keep my commandments"

"For I tell you...do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat...or drink..nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food? And the body more than raiment."

"But seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present...to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature - shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, Our Lord."

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
April 23, 1995

ORDER OF WORSHIP
11 A. M.

ORGAN

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN NO.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (seated)

God of our life, we confess in company with one another and before You, that we are wayward and less than faithful servants. We have loved things and used people; remembered slights and forgotten kindnesses; called on You in trouble and ignored You at other times; praised You in word and failed You in deed; allowed the present age to mould us and left untapped the power of the age to come. Deal with us after Your mercy for we are sorry for our sins and earnestly seek Your pardon through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION - WORDS OF ASSURANCE - LORD'S PRAYER

PSALTER

Psalm

No.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 88

GLORIA PATRI

No. 71

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PARISH CONCERNS

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PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN NO. 317 "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"
(Verses 1, 6, 7, 8, 9)

SERMON

Mr. Bonwitt

HYMN NO.

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MORE MEDITATION

O Thou, who hearest prayer...hear our prayers for those who not only have lost loved ones...but also for those injured and resting on beds of pain....and those who are working to clear debris....to locate survivors even in this hour....touch with your healing power all whose lives have been touched by this senseless tragedy. In ways beyond our human understanding...bring comfort - from above - to those who suffer.

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