Order for the Worship of God  
May 17, 2020  
6th Sunday of Easter  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader: God is love.
People: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
Leader: God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.
People: And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.
Leader: Let us worship God!


WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #2 “Come, Thou Almighty King” ITALIAN HYMN
(stanzas 1,2,3)

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o’er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
And ne’er from us depart, Spirit of power.

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Almighty God, you have shown us such love, and stretched out your arms to draw us into your embrace. Yet we so often fail to show that love within our lives. Forgive our short-sightedness and misplaced loyalties when we honor you with our lips but our hearts are far from you. Be merciful, dear Lord, when we have little regard and little love for our neighbors. By your grace, quicken our hearts with your love and give us eyes to see and hands to reach out to those you bring into our lives. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who knows us the best and loves us the most. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GRADUATES VIDEO Rosalie Bradford

YOUTH ANTHEM “Who Will Be a Witness?” Donald Moore
(released at the 11:00 service, February 23, 2020) Westminster Youth Choir
Who will be a witness, O my Lord? Who will be a witness O my Lord?
Who'll be there beside me? Who'll be there to guide me? Who'll be a witness, O my Lord?

I’m going to heaven, want to do it right. I’m going to heaven, I’ll be dressed in white.
Who’ll be there to meet me? Who’ll be there to greet me? Who will be a witness, O my Lord?

Don’t want to stumble, don’t want to fall. I’m going to heaven when the roll is called.
Heaven bells are ringin’. Saints are all a singin’. Who will be a witness, O my Lord?

Who’ll be there beside me? Who’ll be there to guide me?
Who’ll be there to meet me? Who’ll be there to greet me?
Who will be a witness? Who will be a witness? Who will be a witness, O my Lord?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #407 “Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers”
(stanzas 1,3,4)
Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house your home.
Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame.
Let our whole soul an offering be to our redeemer’s name.

Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of peaceful love.
And let the church on earth become blest as the church above.

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:15-21 (NRSV)

SERMON “Life and the Love We Live By”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #450 “Be Thou My Vision”
(stanzas 1,2,4)
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Lebantanz: MIT FREUDEN ZART” Franklin D. Ashdown
(Praise Dance on “I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath”)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director
Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy mighty name to sing; help us to praise:
   Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
   Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
   Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2. Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful,
   might Lord, our prayer attend.
   Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
   Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred
   witness bear in this glad hour.
   Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
   and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal
   praises be, hence evermore!
   Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
   and to eternity love and adore.
1 Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this
house your home. Descend with all your

2 Come as the light. To us reveal our empti-
ess and woe. And lead us in those
fi - cial flame. Let our whole soul an

3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sac - ri-
peace - ful love. And let the church on
world your home. Descend with all your

4 Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of
gra - cious powers. O come, great Spir - it, come!
paths of life where all the righ - teous go.
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THE WORD

450  Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F♯) (A7) (D)
Eb  A♭  Eb/G  B♭7  Eb

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
B♭  Eb  A♭  B♭

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!

(G) (D) (F♯m7) (G) (A)
A♭  Eb  Gm7  A♭  B♭

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

(B♭m) (D/F♯) (G) (D)
Cm  Eb/G  A♭  Eb

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.