

Response Through Offering

Rev. Melissa Drake

Mighty God, deserving of all honor and praise: we bring our gifts this morning, remembering that the offering you truly seek is the offering of our whole lives. Help us, we pray, to live a life that is worthy in your sight. When we struggle and stumble, help us up and put us on the path. On the advice of the apostle Paul, may our lives be focused on “whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable”, so that our offering may be pleasing in your eyes. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

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Closing Hymn

Rev. Dr. Moody Colorado

“Give Thanks” from *The Faith We Sing* 2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy one,

Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy one,

Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”;

Let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”;

Let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”

(Repeat in entirety.)

Closing Words and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Lanette Plambeck

Post-Service Music

Rev. Paul Wilcox

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” – folk tune

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

In the name of the good Lord, we pray for you and your family. We pray for your pastors, worship teams and church staff and that this worship service has been able to give them rest and respite during these challenging times. We pray for the health and the healing of all those affected by COVID-19 in the many ways it has devastated lives.

We mourn the loss of loved ones and pray for comfort for their families.

Virtual Choir Participants


Sopranos: Lana Lodge, Lori Montgomery, Sarah Pringle. Altos: Kristi Christenson, Jill Harris, Joyce Marner, Rhonda Marshall, Amanda Thomas. Tenors: Mark Baumann, Dennis Hauser, Karl Jacoby, JP Marshall. Basses: Greg Halterman, John Marshall, Michael Phillipsen. Instrumentalists: Derrick Murphy, Roxy Riessen.



A Service of Hope and Respite

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This worship service has been planned for your inspiration and encouragement while providing a moment of rest for our local church leaders in this season of COVID-19.

Bolded italic print indicates where you are invited to respond or sing.

Words of Welcome

Bishop Laurie Haller

Prelude

Rev. Paul Wilcox

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” – J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Rev. Ron Carlson

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!

People: Today we choose to rejoice. Today we choose to worship and give thanks.

Leader: Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

People: Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.

Leader: Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments of life that will always flow in and flow out like the tide.

Set your affections on things above and worship the Lord who loves you and cares for you.

All: We come to worship God who alone is excellent and worthy of praise!

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/rejoice-in-the-lord-always-21st-century-worship-resources-for-the-seventeen>

Hymn of Praise

Rev. Dr. Moody Colorado

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”, United Methodist Hymnal 154

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,

Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!

We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr. Jaye Johnson

Gracious God,

when the world’s political noise is turned up high,

we come not to escape, but to seek wisdom,

and to focus on things that are worthy.

Dial down the distractions in our minds.

Tune our senses to your word

and our hearts to your praise.

In your holy name we pray. Amen.

*By Hans Holzmgel, **Ministry Matters**, Worship Elements: October 15, 2017*

Children’s Message

Rev. Ryan and Olivia Christenson

Virtual Choir

Directed and Technology by Scott Teater

“God is Our Refuge and Strength” by Allen Pote

Scripture and Sermon

Rev. Doug Cue

Psalm 90:1-3, 6-11; Philippians 4:4-7

“Acorn Anxieties”

Response to the Word

“The Apostles’ Creed”

Rev. Dr Heecheon Jeon

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Concerns and Prayers

Rev. Bill Poland