



LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP - *Katy Kristoffersen, Music Director - Rev. Charles Packard, Interim Pastor*

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

Love is the way to give God glory. Jesus described how that love could occur. Soon Jesus would no longer be with the disciples. His inheritance to them would be the love they received. They were to show that same love to others, thereby continuing to obey Jesus after his departure. The commandment to love one another has been passed down through the ages, setting apart those who follow the Christ. So, love one another and give God glory, even as Jesus first loved you.

WELCOME

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

PRELUDE *Instrumental Improvisation*

MIKE KRISTOFFERSEN, STRING BASS; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

JOHN 13:34

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let everything that has being praise the name of the Lord!

People: **Mountains and hills, fruit trees and all cedars, shall praise the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: Young men and women alike, old and young together shall praise the name of the Lord.

People: **We shall praise your name, O God, for your glory is above earth and heaven.**

Pastor: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you fulfill the desire of all who call upon you. We gather to worship and praise your name. You uphold those who are falling and raise up those who are bowed down. You are faithful in words, gracious in deeds, just in all ways, and kind in all that you do. Your dominion shall endure forever. With our mouths we will give you blessing and honor. In the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

WELCOMING SONG *Sing a New Church* (Delores Dufner, words; John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*) CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 577 Verse 1: Joyful!

Verse 4: Soft and Solemn

Verse 5: Bright and Hopeful!

GOSPEL JOHN 13:31-35

CHARLOTTE DUCKETT

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come."

³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Leader: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM *Alpha and Omega* (Erasmus Mutanbira)

UCSJ CHOIR

You are Alpha and Omega.

We worship you, our Lord.

You are worthy to be praised.

We give you all the glory,

We worship you, our Lord.

You are worthy to be praised.

SCRIPTURE REVELATION 21:1-6

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said,

"Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Leader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...*
REVELATION 21:1

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Pastor: I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

People: God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Pastor: I saw the new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

People: God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Pastor: Behold, God's dwelling is with all people.
God will dwell with them, and they shall be God's people.

People: God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Pastor: Behold, God makes all things new.

People: God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Living God, who made heaven, earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
we praise you for the flowing rivers to bring about fruitful seasons.
You satisfy our hearts with food and gladness. Through Christ you call us to walk in your ways.
We renew our commitment to serve you gladly and to love one another as you first loved us.
In the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

DOXOLOGY*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin
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.

SENDING SONG *All Creatures of Our God and King*

(St. Francis of Assisi, words; *Geistliche Kirchengesang*; arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 23

Verses 1 - 5

BLESSING

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

*May the God of amazing grace give you eyes to see beauty everywhere,
hands to do good to everyone and hearts to bless all you meet.*

POSTLUDE *Instrumental Improvisation*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION



REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Pastor: Go forth from this place seeking to bring about a New Jerusalem.

People: **We go forth knowing that God is the Alpha and the Omega.**

All: **Alleluia. Amen.**

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LOVE 
one
another
AS I HAVE
loved
 you
John 13:34

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