Order of Worship – Sunday, August 9, 2020

OPENING PRAYER Landes Dung

Come, Creator God, who made the heavens with a word, who gathers the oceans together.

Come, powerful God, whose wisdom stands forever, a gift to all generations.

Come, generous God, who provided safe travels and a blessing to Abraham and Sarah.

Come, healing God, who calls us daughters and sons, whose grace can make us whole.

Come, great God, who is worthy of our gladdest songs, and our deepest commitment. Amen.

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OPENING SONG

"Jesus Messiah"

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin That we might become his righteousness He humbled himself and carried the cross Love so amazing, love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners...the ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

Verse 2

His body the bread, his blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn Love so amazing, love so amazing [Chorus]

Bridge

All our hope is in you...all our hope is in you All glory to you, God, Light of the world [Chorus 2X]

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Pastor Allison

Cassel & Landes

Pastor:

Today, we have before us backpacks and other bags. They will contain work to be done, work that's been returned, books to be studied, tools to complete homework, music to play. Notebooks, pencils, pens, computers, calculators, crayons, rulers, scissors, glue sticks and other items used for school work will find their way in and out of these backpacks.

Some days, so much stuff will fill these backpacks that the wearer may find it difficult to carry. Other days, they will be light and nearly empty. But on each and every day, these bags represent work required of these gathered here. And, as in every aspect of our life, we bring these before God for blessing at this time.

Let us pray together:

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Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students and teachers.

They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.

Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks and other bags. They will hold the work of each person here and will be carried from home to school and back again. As they carry these, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

We pray for all the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well.

We pray in the name of Jesus who we seek to follow day by day. Amen.

PRAYER INTRODUCTION

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Landes Dung

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Allison

O loving and gracious God, we come before you recognizing both your holiness and our waywardness. If we were less acquainted with your love and grace we might think that, in our unworthiness, there is no way we can approach you. We might think that we have erred too frequently, rebelled too willingly, ignored you too easily to ever be invited back into your presence. We now look at our erring and rebelling and ignoring with regret and sorrow. We praise you that go you far beyond merely matching our repentance with your grace. According to your word, where sin abounds, your grace much more abounds. Because of your abounding grace we are in your presence now, and will leave this place renewed and empowered to serve you in the world. We praise your name for the depth of your love and the breadth of your grace, and acknowledge this as your free gift to us.

We pray for those who are sick, in the hospital, recovering, or facing procedures...

We pray for those who mourn, asking for the Spirit to comfort them and remind them of the hope we have in you...

We pray for those who are traveling. See them safely home...

We celebrate with those who celebrate...

And we pray for ourselves, Lord, that we may be more faithful disciples.

Now, we lift up to you these prayers in the silence of our hearts what we did not...

We pray in the name of our Savior who taught us to pray, saying...

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 trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SERMON

"Jesus' Bad Manners" Luke 19:1-10

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CLOSING SONG

"I Give You My Heart" Verse 1 Cassel & Landes

This is my desire to honor you Lord, with all my heart, I worship you All I have within me...I give you praise All that I adore is in you

Chorus

Lord, I give you my heart
I give you my soul...I live for you alone
Ev'ry breath that I take
Ev'ry I'm awake, Lord, have your way in me (2X)

Repeat Verse 1 and Chorus

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Pastor: Where will we go and who will we be?

All: We go out into the world to be God's people.

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