

OCTOBER 14, 2018

Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Ben Parker Sutter, worship leader

*HYMN (see last page)

O young and fearless Prophet

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hanna Hochstetler and Terry Rouse

ANTHEM

All Creatures of our God and King

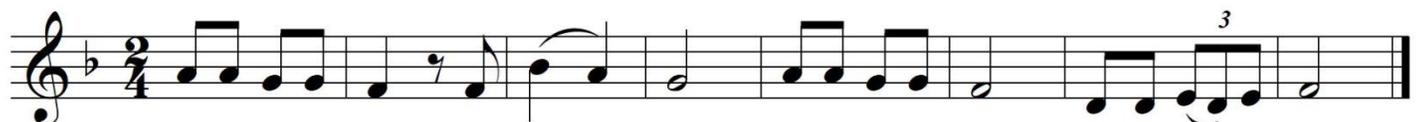
arr. Shaw

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

...How we treat the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the stranger, the sick, and the prisoner is how we treat Christ himself. (Matthew 25: 31-46) "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." God calls us to protect and seek justice for those who are poor and vulnerable, and our treatment of people who are "oppressed," "strangers," "outsiders," or otherwise considered "marginal" is a test of our relationship to God, who made us all equal in divine dignity and love. Our proclamation of the lordship of Jesus Christ is at stake in our solidarity with the most vulnerable. If our gospel is not "good news to the poor," it is not the gospel of Jesus Christ (Luke 4:18).

THEREFORE, WE REJECT the language and policies of political leaders who would debase and abandon the most vulnerable children of God. We strongly deplore the growing attacks on immigrants and refugees, who are being made into cultural and political targets, and we need to remind our churches that God makes the treatment of the "strangers" among us a test of faith (Leviticus 19:33-34). We won't accept the neglect of the well-being of low-income families and children, and we will resist repeated attempts to deny health care to those who most need it. We confess our growing national sin of putting the rich over the poor. We reject the immoral logic of cutting services and programs for the poor while cutting taxes for the rich. Budgets are moral documents. We commit ourselves to opposing and reversing those policies and finding solutions that reflect the wisdom of people from different political parties and philosophies to seek the common good. Protecting the poor is a central commitment of Christian discipleship, to which 2,000 verses in the Bible attest.**

RESPONSE



U-bi ca-ri - tas et a - mor, u-bi ca-ri - tas, De-us i - bi est.
Where charity and love are found, God is there

SERMON

*HYMN #54 SJ

Longing for light

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Sarah Tomas Morgan

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

Offertory: #94 SJ *Blest are they*

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.



Children in K-5 grades are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 120), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*SENDING FORTH PRAYER, HYMN AND POSTLUDE

Please remain standing for the closing hymn and postlude.

*HYMN #78 SJ

We will walk with God

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

**These words are lifted from a longer letter called "Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis." (ReclaimingJesus.org) The full, three-page letter was written in Spring of 2018 and signed by over 50 ecumenical faith leaders. Today and in future Sundays, we will consider various sections of this letter as part of our own congregational goal of "fostering a relevant peace church tradition in the 21st century informed by the study of scripture and current societal challenges such as racism, gun violence, immigration and socioeconomic biases and disparities."

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O Young and Fearless Prophet

1. O young and fear-less Proph-et of an-cient Gal-i-lee, your
 2. We mar-vel at the pur-rose that held you to your course, while
 3. O help us stand un-swerv-ing a-against war's blood-y way, where
 4. Cre-ate in us the splen-dor that dawns when hearts are kind, that
 5. O young and fear-less Proph-et, we need your pres-ence here, a-

5
 life is still a sum-mons to serve hu-man-i-ty, to
 ev-er-on the hill-top be-fore you loomed the cross. Your
 hate and lust and false-hood hold back your ho-ly sway. For-
 knows not race nor sta-tion as boun-d'ries of the mind; that
 mid our pride and glo-ry to see your face ap-pear; once

9
 make our thoughts and ac-tions less prone to please the crowd, to
 stead-fast face set for-ward where love and du-ty shone, while
 bid false love of coun-try, that blinds us to your call who
 learns to val-ue beau-ty, in heart, or mind, or soul, and
 more to hear your chal-lenge a-bove our nois-y day, a-

13
 stand with hum-ble cour-age for truth with hearts un-cowed.
 we be-tray so quick-ly and leave you there a-lone.
 lifts a-bove the na-tions the u-ni-ty of all.
 longs to bind God's chil-dren in-to one per-fect whole.
 gain to lead us for-ward a-long God's ho-ly way.