



**September 8, 2019**

**Worship 9:30am**

**Sunday School 10:50am**

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

Janelle Campbell

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Carmen Shelly

\*HYMN #27 SJ

*God of the Bible*

**WE LISTEN AND LEARN**

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Natasha VanDyke

Presentation of Bibles to Kindergarten students

Introduction of SS teachers

Janelle Campbell

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Larghetto and Allegro Assai*

Telemann

Andy Toews and Mitch Kaufman, trombone

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:17-20\*\*

Leader: Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets;

**People: I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.**

Leader: For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

**People: Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven;**

Leader: but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

**People: For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.**

## SERMON

*When our aim is true*

\*HYMN #145

*There's wideness in God's mercy*

## 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

Prayer hymn (see back of bulletin)

*Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ*

*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

*Andante*

Mozart

Andy Toews and Mitch Kaufman, trombone

### 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.*

# WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

## \*SENDING FORTH AND POSTLUDE

*Please remain standing for the closing hymn and postlude.*

All in unison:

**May the Love**

**which overcomes all differences,**

**which heals all wounds,**

**which puts to flight all fears,**

**which reconciles all who are separated,**

**be in us and among us**

**now and always.**

--from the *Voices Together* Sampler

## \*HYMN #483

*O God, who gives us life*

## \* POSTLUDE

\*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.

\*\*Scripture translation is from the New Revised Standard Version.

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# Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

D A G D Em Bm Asus4 A D A

1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ, I  
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; help  
 3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need to

Bm C#dim D G F#m Esus4 E A Bm

know not how to ask or what to say; I  
 me to see your and pur - pose and your will, where  
 serve my God and all hu - man - i - ty; ful -

F#m G D Bm Em7 D A Em F# Bm

on - ly know my need, as deep as life, and  
 I have failed, what I have done a - miss; held  
 fill - ment of my life in love out - poured— my

D A G D Em Bm Asus4 A D

on - ly you can teach me how to pray.  
 in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.  
 life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

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