



Worship Service- June 26, 2020

Prelude

Dr. Jason Kissel

“Resurrection”

Larry King (1932-1990)

1. Lament
2. The Riding
3. Ecstasy
4. Reflection

Call to Worship

We have come because we have heard the call of God on our lives.

The call to sing the Lord’s song in a strange land.

O God, look upon us and consider the cries of your people;
our eyes are full of tears, our hearts with sorrow.

We have come in witness to the mourning and lamentation that fill your sanctuary.

We call upon your name, O God, from the depths of our soul.

We are here to give witness to the current realities of our lives.

We have gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ as we journey through
these days.

Come let us worship and bow down, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Let us lift our hands and hearts toward heaven because you, O God,
reign forever.

Hymn

“Lament”

Mark Miller and Adam Tice

Composed on Friday, May 29, 2020 in response to the murder of George Floyd. I owe a debt to our ancestors and the unknown bards who created what we today call the Negro Spirituals. I wanted to express the outpouring of heartbreak, anger, grief, and loss so many are experiencing. -Mark Miller

Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II

Awesome God, our hearts are bowed down by the troubles we are experiencing.

There is suffering and death, despair and doubt among us,
and hope lies just beyond our reach in the shadows of the cross.

We pour out our hearts before you like water.

Our eyes are spent with weeping, our mouths with cries of “how long.”

You have seen what has befallen us, O God.



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Opening Prayer continued

You have heard our whispers and murmurs at the pain that fill our souls.
The joys of our hearts have ceased; our dancing has been turned to mourning.
Yet, we thank you for bringing us to this place of worship and discernment;
of uncertainty and hope about the future.
Inspire us by your truth to listen to your voice speaking through your people gathered
here.
Grant us your wisdom and peace during these days and renew our hope.
For you, O God, are our God.
Your steadfast love never ceases, and your mercies never come to an end,
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Confession

One: God created us to be the beloved community.
But too often we have segregated our communities.
Today, we confess the sin of segregation in the confidence of Christ,
who binds us together in perfect community.

**Many: O God, while others bleed,
many simply watch,
separated by police lines,
and color lines,
and class lines.**

**O God, the sin of white privilege inoculates some against virus,
some against exposure,
while at the same time
exposing poor, brown, and black bodies
to disease and death.**



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One: O God, your body refuses segregating, racist ways.

In Christ's body,

Sandra Bland, 28 years old, and

Michael Brown, 18 years old, and

Taylor Hayes, 7 years old, and

Freddie Gray, 25 years old,

Breonna Taylor, 26 years old,

George Floyd, 46 years old,

aren't statistics but people, siblings, co-workers, friends,

and kids we knew in second grade,

a little girl who loved to dance, our nephew who dreamed of a future,

until there was

Many: no future . . .

no dance . . .

Many: and no tomorrow.

A moment of silence

Many: We confess, O God, the body of Christ is not whole

without our inner-city neighborhoods, our prayer vigils,

our street parties, our organizing, our breakfast ministries,

our bodies black, our bodies brown, our bodies of color.

One: We confess, O God, Christ's body crucified ...

we shout Christ's body risen.

A body for whom we fight, and teach, and organize.

A living body for whom we raise the battle cry and nothing less.

Many: We come believing that the divisions of today

do not have to be the reality of tomorrow.

But in confession and repentance,

moving beyond empty rhetoric into consistent action,

we continue, as Christ's body, into the beloved community. Amen.



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Kyrie GTG#577 Kyrie Eleison

Dr. Greg Knauf

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Lord, have mercy.

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Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Dr. Phyllis Felton

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
To undo the thongs of the yoke,
To let the oppressed go free,
And to break every yoke?

The Lord will guide you continually
And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt.
You shall be called the repairer of the breach,
The restorer of streets to live in.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response GTG#775 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Bruce Henderson

Prayer for Illumination

Surrounded as we are by the sounds of respirators,
and the cries of the grieving,
and the raised voices of protest, help us to hear,
O God, your voice and give us the courage to heed that voice. Amen.

Scripture Lamentations 5:20–21.

Ephesians 3:14–21



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Sermon

Ruling Elder Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri, Rev. Cindy Kohlmann
Co-Moderators of the 223rd General Assembly (2018)

Creed

From the Confession of Belhar

Dr. Y Dianna Wright

Many: We believe

One: In the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

Many: We believe

One: In one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

Many: We believe

One: That Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

Many: We believe

One: That we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity. That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted

Many: We believe

One: That God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

Many: We believe

One: That, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.



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Confession continued

Many: Jesus is Lord.

One: To the one and only God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Invitation to the Offering

Youth Rising

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Karen Brown

We give what we have and who we are as an offering to God in thanksgiving for what God has given to us and for the saving, healing, liberating work of our Savior in the world. Amen.

Invitation to God's Table Ruling Elder Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri, Rev. Cindy Kohlmann,
Ruling Elder Sounghee Baranowski

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Spirit of God be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to God.

One: Give thanks to our God!

Many: All our thanks, all our praise!

One: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Before all that is, you were God.

Outside all we know, you are God.

After all is finished, you will be God.

Archangels sound the trumpet,

angels teach us their song,

saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song:



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Sanctus GTG#596 You are Holy/Eres Santos

Dr. Greg Knauf

**You are holy, you are whole,
You are always ever more than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raise form dead.
You are holy, you are wholeness; you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna in the highest!**

One: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
You beyond the galaxies,
you under the oceans,
you inside the leaves,
you pouring down rain,
you opening flowers,
you feeding the insects,
you giving us your image,
you carrying us through the waters,
you holding us in the night,
your smile on Sarah and Abraham,
your hand with Moses and Miriam,
your words through Deborah and Isaiah,
you lived as Jesus among us, healing, teaching, dying, rising,
inviting us all to your feast.



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The Great Thanksgiving continued

One: Holy God, we remember your Son,
His life with the humble,
his death among the wretched,
his resurrection for us all;
your wisdom our guide,
your justice our strength,
your grace our path to rebirth.
And so we cry, Mercy!

Many: Mercy!

One: And so we cry, Glory!

Many: Glory!

One: And so we cry, Blessing!

Many: Blessing!

One: Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.
Enliven this bread,
awake this body,
pour us out for each other.
Transfigure our minds,
ignite your church,
nourish the life of the earth.
Make us, while many, united,
Make us, though broken, whole
Make us, despite death, alive.
And so we cry, come, Holy Spirit!

Many: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit!

Many: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit!

Many: Come, Holy Spirit!



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One: You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,
our Life, our Mercy, our Might,
our Table, our Food, our Server,
our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,
our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine,
our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,
our Way, our Truth, our Life,
our Hope.
You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever.
And hear us as we pray:

You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language closest to your heart.

The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical Text)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People



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Communion Music GTG#596 You Are Holy/ Eres Santo

Dr. Greg Knauf

**Eres santo, eres Dios
por toda la eternidad:
siempre tú muy cerca estás
de tu pueblo, buen Señor.
Te alabamos hoy aquí,
te adoramos con fervor.
A tu iglesia en vino y pan
nuevo vida así le das.
Eres santo, eres Dios.
Te sentimos. La creación te dé loor.
¡Di hosanna en el cielo!
¡Di hosanna!
¡Di hosanna al Señor!**

Prayer of Gratitude

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son,
Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit enlightens, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Peace GTG#448 Peace of God Be with You

Hymn GTG#766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

Blessing

May the God of hope go with us.

The God of glory,

the Lord of life,

and the Spirit of truth be with you all.

Amen.

Postlude

Dr. Jason Kissel

Chorale-Improvisation on "CWM RHONDDA"

Paul Manz (1919-2009)



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