

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 243

MORECAMBE

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

*As we sing, you are welcome to come and share your desire to follow Jesus by profession of faith, a recommitment to Christ, or by membership in this church.*

**Spirit of God,  
descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth;  
through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness,  
mighty as Thou art,  
and make me love Thee  
as I ought to love.**

**I ask no dream,  
no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending  
of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant,  
no op'ning skies;  
but take the dimness  
of my soul away.**

**Teach me to feel  
that Thou art always nigh;  
teach me the struggles  
of the soul to bear.  
To check the rising  
doubt, the rebel sigh;  
teach me the patience  
of unanswered prayer.**

**Teach me to love Thee  
as Thine angels love,  
one holy passion  
filling all my frame;  
the kindling of the  
heav'n-descended Dove,  
my heart an altar,  
and Thy love the flame.**

\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE NO. 642

NEAR THE CROSS

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross, v. 2*

**Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the Bright and Morning Star shed His beams around me.  
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,  
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

POSTLUDE

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

*Crown Him Lord of All*



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### THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

May 17, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Biblical faith was not a simple faith. Our faith today, in a world filled with trauma, cannot be a simple one, either. May our worship bring our suffering, our losses, our confusions, and our questions that we might discover anew our overwhelming responsibility to our faith in God.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE

*In the Glow of Early Morning*

arr. Joseph Prentiss

WELCOME AND CALL TO REVERENCE

Rev. Thrailkill

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Thrailkill

Holy God, before time you named us, through time you redeem us, and you call us precious in your sight.

**May we love as you love.**

Strengthening God, through the turbulent waters, make us your steady hands, holding strong the fragile and weak.

**May we love as you love.**

*\*Stand as you are able. | CCLI #1036515*

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Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives be tangible expressions of your love.

**May we love as you love.**

God of faith and faithfulness, remove the chaff of our lives that keeps us from hearing and following your call, and help us to seek your answers to life's questions.

**May we love as you love.**

Loving God, take this day our fears, our worries, our distractions, and all easy answers, and make us into your disciples.

**May we love as you love. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 249

AZMON

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

**The church of Christ cannot be bound  
by walls of wood or stone.  
Where charity and love are found,  
there can the church be known.**

**True love will not sit idly by  
when justice is denied.  
True mercy hears the homeless cry  
and welcomes them inside.**

**True faith will open up the door  
and step into the street.  
True service will seek out the poor  
and ask to wash their feet.**

**If what we have, we freely share  
to meet our neighbor's need,  
then we extend the Spirit's care  
through ev'ry selfless deed.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Anna Tart

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Phillips

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Christy Nockels

*By Our Love*

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**Brothers let us come together  
Walking in the Spirit  
There's much to be done  
We will come reaching  
Out from our comforts  
And they will know us by our love**

**Bind it around you  
Let it never leave you  
And they will know us by our love**

**Sisters we were made for kindness  
We can pierce the darkness  
As He shines through us  
We will come reaching  
With a song of healing  
And they will know us by our love**

**Children you are hope for justice  
Stand firm in the Truth now  
Set your hearts above  
You will be reaching  
Long after we're gone  
And they will know you by your love**

**The time is now  
Come church arise  
Love with His hands  
See with His eyes**

**The time is now...**

**The time is now...**

MOMENTS OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Thrailkill

ANTHEM

arr. Charles H. Webb

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*  
Carl Ashley, baritone

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Habakkuk 1:1-5, 2:2-4  
Matthew 22:36-40

SERMON

*God's Answer to the Hardest Questions*

Dr. Phillips