

Order of Worship
Sunday, May 30, 2021

Memorial Weekend
“What Is Eternal Life?”

*(*Denotes inclusion in posted video, unmarked items will be recorded live and included, music videos will be shown in worship and included in posted playlist)*

*** Opening Video**

Prelude (Video) “How Deep the Father’s Love for us” - The Celtic Expressions

Welcome

Opening Song (Video) “Love the Lord” - Lincoln Brewster

Opening to the Spirit’s Instruction

Scripture Reading 1 Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

Liturgists

⁹ What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. ¹¹ He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹² I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³ moreover, it is God’s gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. ¹⁴ I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. ¹⁵ That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

Luke 10:25-28

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

May God’s Spirit speak to us today through these words of Scripture, the music we sing and hear, and the message shared this day.

Song (Video) “Shine, Jesus, Shine” JCUMC Virtual; Choir

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Sermon Series: Parting Thoughts "What Is Eternal Life?"

Pastor Craig

Song (Video) "Sound of Justice" - Brad Ellis

***Prayers for Our World and One Another**

Let us enter now into a time of prayer for one another and for our world. We will do what is called a Bidding Prayer. I will open, and then I will bid your prayers based around various categories. During the silence after each category is bid, I invite you to add your own prayers, either aloud or in silence. I will then close with a prayer, then the Lord's Prayer. Let us be in prayer.

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Let us pray now for all who are ill, in hospital or at home, especially those affected by cancer or COVID-19.

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Let us pray now for all medical and emergency services personnel who are responding to the best of their abilities with the resources that they have at hand.

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Let us pray now for all those who are hungry or food insecure, and for all community and religious efforts to provide food and shelter.

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Let us pray for all who are still displaced from their homes, and those who have no home.

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Let us pray for the leaders of nations around the world, not only regarding their response to this pandemic, but also that they may do everything possible to assure the health and welfare of their citizens.

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Let us pray for all school and college governing boards, administrations and staff, all faculty, and students as they work to offer appropriate and equitable education in a manner that protects the health and safety of all persons.

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Let us pray for our friends, family, and neighbors for their health and well-being.

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Let us also express our thanks to God for the expressions of love and caring that we have witnessed in our families, communities, and world.

Let us express our gratitude for life and the myriad things that gladden our hearts.

These prayers, spoken aloud or in silence, we lift into the universal embrace of the One who is Love, and we make them in the name of the One who showed us what Love looks like in the flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, and we now join our voices in the prayer he taught us, saying:

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 trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen

Prayer Response (Video): "Kyrie" JCUMC Virtual Choir

We Offer Ourselves in Commitment and Service

Acknowledgement of Gifts

Song of Dedication (Video) "Halle, Halle, Halleluja" - Riversong

Service of Memory

Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to you:

For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives that have empowered us, whose influence is a healing grace,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us for ever ...

We lift up thankful hearts.

For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship you now in heaven ...

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We lift up thankful hearts.

For those who sacrificed themselves, our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others ...

We lift up thankful hearts.

That we may hold them all in continual remembrance, and ever think of them as with you in that city whose gates are not shut by day and where there is no night ...

We lift up thankful hearts.

That we may now be dedicated to working for a world where labor is rewarded, fear dispelled, and the nations made one,

O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage.

Day by day we magnify you,

and worship your name, for ever and ever. Amen.

(John Hunter, Scotland, 20th Cent., Alt.)

Naming those for whose lives we give thanks.

Music for Reflection (Video) "In Christ Alone" - Taryn Harbridge

Sending Forth

Pastor

***Closing Video**