



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA

Following Jesus, Providing Hope, Making Disciples

Staying the Course
Sunday, June 20, 2021

PRELUDE

Sing to the Lord, by Smith

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek God; know God; trust God, O people.

We sing praises to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Declare God's deeds among the people, for the needy are remembered, the poor have hope.

We sing praises to the Lord of heaven and earth.

OPENING PRAYER

Center us, O God, to worship you this day. As we celebrate fathers and fatherhood this weekend, remind us to look to you as the source of all compassion, provision, protection, and mercy. Show us how to rely upon you. Be our stronghold. Grant us calm. Give us joyful hearts and ready minds, so that we may be open to your grace. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Be Present at Our Table, Lord (621)

Be present at our table, Lord;
be here and everywhere adored
These mercies bless and grant that we
may feast in fellowship with thee

HOLY COMMUNION

We open our weekly worship here, at the table, together as one body in Christ. Jesus invites us all to this table - every one. Here, God's grace is freely shared. Come, share a meal together. Come, you who love Jesus, who are learning to love Jesus, who want to love Jesus. Come, confess and discover grace. Come, be at peace with God, with others, and within yourself.

The Lord be with you,

And also with you

Lift up your hearts to the Lord,

We lift up our hearts with thanks and praise!

We are yours, all yours, Holy God, all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise,
we give it all to you, with all our bodies, and minds, and voices.

We are your people, whom you have called covenant with you,
a covenant we have continually broken, and you have continuously sustained.
How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and saints,

Jesus Christ who comes in our God's name, you are worthy!
Lamb of God who died and rose again, you are worthy!
Hosanna now we sing! Hosanna now we sing!

You are holy, O God! You are worthy, O Christ!
Worthy when you preached the good news that God's kingdom has drawn near
and as you have gathered disciples, then and now, to learn and show the world
what life in God's reign means:
healing for the sick, new life for the dead,
cleansing for the lepers, freedom for the possessed,
new birth, new hope, new creation breaking in for all.

Worthy too, the night we betrayed you, when you took the bread, blessed it and broke it,
and gave it to your disciples. Worthy when you told them,
"This is my body broken for you. Remember me." **We remember.**

Worthy when you took the cup, praised God and shared it, and worthy when you said, "This is
the cup of salvation. Drink from it and remember me." **We remember.**

We remember, and we praise you with our lives and these gifts of bread and cup, proclaiming
with one voice the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Come upon us, Holy Spirit and upon these gifts. Make them Christ for us.
Make us one in Christ as we pray for the church and the world:

That we may proclaim the gospel boldly, **Hear us, O God.**
That we may offer your healing for all who are sick, or torn, or weary, **Hear us, O God.**
That our beloved dead may be raised, and death's power vanquished, **Hear us, O God.**
That all who are possessed, oppressed, and distressed may be set free, **Hear us, O God.**
Come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit, this day, and every day until that day when we eat together
in your kingdom and our rejoicing shall know no end. All blessing, honor, glory and power be
yours, Holy God, now and forever. **Amen!**

We eat together in grace and love. We drink together in mercy and salvation.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Lord, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this meal and the grace we
receive from you strengthen us in love. Send us to serve you as we serve others in the
name of Jesus. Amen.**

HYMN

Grace Alone (2162)

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith
Every difference we will make is only by his grace
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine
Every blessing left behind is only by his grace
Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone

Every soul we long to reach; every heart we hope to teach
Everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace
Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone

FIRST READING

Psalm 133 (CEB), Nancy Jo Mattson

Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one!
It is like expensive oil poured over the head, running down onto the beard—
Aaron's beard! - which extended over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew on Mount Hermon streaming down onto the mountains of Zion,
because it is there that the Lord has commanded the blessing: everlasting life.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sonata in C Major (Allegro movement) by Mozart
George Hartman, pianist

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (CEB), Nancy Jo Mattson

Since we work together with him, we are also begging you not to receive the grace of God in vain. He says, I listened to you at the right time, and I helped you on the day of salvation. Look, now is the right time! Look, now is the day of salvation!

We don't give anyone any reason to be offended about anything so that our ministry won't be criticized. Instead, we commend ourselves as ministers of God in every way. We did this with our great endurance through problems, disasters, and stressful situations. We went through beatings, imprisonments, and riots. We experienced hard work, sleepless nights, and hunger. We displayed purity, knowledge, patience, and generosity. We served with the Holy Spirit, genuine love, telling the truth, and God's power. We carried the weapons of righteousness in our right hand and our left hand. We were treated with honor and dishonor and with verbal abuse and good evaluation. We were seen as both fake and real, as unknown and well known, as dying—and look, we are alive! We were seen as punished but not killed, as going through pain but always happy, as poor but making many rich, and as having nothing but owning everything.

Corinthians, we have spoken openly to you, and our hearts are wide open. There are no limits to the affection that we feel for you. You are the ones who placed boundaries on your affection for us. But as a fair trade—I'm talking to you like you are children—open your hearts wide too.

HYMN*I Love to Tell the Story (156)*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love

I love to tell the story, more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me; and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love

SERMON

Stay Engaged
Rev. Rachael Warner

HYMN*Christ for the World We Sing (568)*

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring
With loving zeal; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne
Sin sick and sorrow worn, whom Christ doth heal

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring
With fervent prayer, the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed
Redeemed at countless cost from dark despair

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Laura Hannah

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING HYMN*Sent Forth by God's Blessing (664)*

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended, the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all,
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE***Sing the Glad Song by Ritter*

Organist, Joan Olson
Worship Tech, Jake Berg