

# Sunday Service for February 16, 2020

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “More Love to Thee” -arr. F. Swann

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: Gather around the Light

**All: For the world gets foggy sometimes and we cannot always see our way.**

One: Gather around the Light and sit at the feet of the Teacher

**All: Who comes to us with pleasant words as smooth as silk and difficult words that challenge our patience.**

One: We gather around the Light to see where we are going and to see who we are.

**All: Thank you, God, for the Light that shines in the dim places within, and beyond.**

- GATHERING HYMN #66 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (*Verses 1, 2, 4*)

- PRAYER AT GATHERING (*In unison*)

**Come, Holy One: teach us your ways, lead us in your paths, guide us on our journey.**

**Fill us with your words of life, for in them you offer us direction and wholeness. Bless us with your love, shower us with your grace, and help us grow in faith. We seek you, O God, with all our hearts. Be near us this day.**

- TIME OF SILENCE

- THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,**

**And to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**Is now, and ever shall be**

**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME (*Ushers collect prayer cards*)

- GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #30 “Masithi (Sing Amen)” (*Repeat as needed*)  
(*Children age 3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade may leave for church school.*)

**Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

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**Amen, Bawo, amen, Bawo,**

**amen, we praise your name, O God.**

#### SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Psalm 119:1-8** (page 566)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (page 186)

Second Reading: **Matthew 5:21-37** (page 4)

I Corinthians 3:1-9 (page 167)

#### SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM “Kum Ba Yah” (*Come by Here*) -arr. J. Paulson

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.**

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

#### OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” -arr. D. Wagner

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (*Sung by all*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

- DEDICATION OF OFFERING (*In unison*)

**Loving God, you have shown us your ways and led us in paths which reveal your abundance. You have blessed us and kept us safe. In you we see that we are loved. Use the gifts we offer to spread your way of love around the earth. Amen.**

- SENDING HYMN #651 “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” (*Verses 1, 3, 4*)
- COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION
- MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” -arr. J. Behnke

**Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve**

*Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly.*

*Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.*

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