

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day  
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I LOVE YOU, LORD

Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 627 *I Love You, Lord*

<https://youtu.be/Fq2Uas8HqAI> - Kaoma

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you;

O my soul, rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what you hear;

may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

**Call to Worship:**

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –

**God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.**

Let us worship God today, for God is good –

**God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.**

Let us worship God today –

**Because we are God's people.**

Let us worship God.

**Hymn of Praise *For the Beauty of the Earth***

<https://youtu.be/1bDoMfIYErE> - John Rutter, The Cambridge Singers, City of London Sinfonia

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth

For the glory of the skies

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies

Over and around us lies

'Lord of all, to Thee we raise

This our joyful hymn of praise

For the beauty of each hour

Of the day and of the night

Hill and vale and tree and flow'r

Sun and moon and stars of light

Sun and moon and stars of light

'Lord of all, to Thee we raise

This our joyful hymn of praise

For the joy of human love (For the joy of love)

Brother, sister, parent, child (Brother, sister, parent, child)

Friends on earth (friends on earth) and friends above (And friends above)

For all gentle thoughts and mild (for all gentle thoughts and mild)

For all gentle thoughts and mild

'Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn (our joyful hymn) of praise (of praise)

For each perfect gift of Thine  
To our race so freely given  
Graces human (given) and divine (human and divine)  
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n  
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n

'Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn (our joyful hymn) of praise  
This our joyful hymn , hymn of praise

**Call to Confession:**

Let us open our hearts and minds to the truth of our lives, and let us offer that truth to God.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer. We know we do not always live as we ought: We turn away from You, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We know we dim Your light within us, with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control. We know that You love us, that you do not abandon us, and that again and again you call us back to You, back to love, back to grace, back to your light (moment of silent confession). Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Friends, this is the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

And we are not only forgiven, we are also freed.

**Let us greet with world as people made new in Christ.**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 443 *There Is a Redeemer***

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<https://youtu.be/G0LA3GvAUGU> - Congregation at the Hereford Cathedral, Hereford, England

**There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One**

**Chorus:**

**Thank You O my Father for giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done**

**Jesus my Redeemer name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah  
O for sinners slain - chorus**

**When I stand in glory I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place - chorus**

**First Lesson: 1 John 4:7-13**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

**Special Music: The Gift of Love**

text by Hal H. Hopson

Sung by Hope Publishing: <https://youtu.be/c0AicZiBA7s>

**Second Lesson: John 15:9-17**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**Sermon: "Divine Friendship" (PDF attachment)**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

**Affirmation of Faith: Portion of the Brief Statement of Faith, PC (USA)**

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**Hymn of Meditation # 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant***

THE SERVANT SONG

[https://youtu.be/0MQ1C-Q\\_unE](https://youtu.be/0MQ1C-Q_unE) - University of Nebraska-Lincoln Singers.

**Will you let me be your servant  
Let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace  
To let you be my servant too**

**We are pilgrims on a journey  
We are travelers on the road  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night time of your fear  
I will hold my hand out to you  
Speak the peace you long to hear  
I will weep when you are weeping  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through  
Will you let me be your servant  
Let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace  
To let you be my servant too**

**Prayers of the People:**

David prayed: *"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way."* Ps. 139-23, 24

Lord, we pray, search us, and know our hearts. Try us and know our anxious thoughts – all the places where we have questions, fears, doubts, and lack of understanding.

Lord, see if there are any hurtful ways in us, ways that are hurtful to you, to ourselves, to those around us and to your world. Lead us in the path of everlasting life.

Help us to follow in your footsteps, to be humble and patient, to see and love a person fully and wholly, and to seek You always.

Help us to be open to your wisdom and truth in our lives.

Use us as your instruments, your hands and feet to bring your good will to fruition.

We pray for places in the world where war, violence, poverty, epidemics, both human-made and natural disasters have torn families apart and destroyed lives.

Lord, infuse our lives and our world with your love that heals, reconciles, and reminds us that we are all your children.

We pray for hearts to change where conflict seems to have been a way of life for a long time; Lord, bring healing and restoration to all these peoples and bring your true peace to these places.

We pray for government leaders all over the world. Give them wisdom, integrity, and commitment to justice. May they be agents of goodness and change.

We pray for those among us who are suffering from health issues, those who are going through difficulties finding work or at work, those who are hurting from loss or strained relationships, those who are experiencing financial hardships and more.

You know each person by name and every detail of what they're going through.

Lord, blanket them in your healing and in your hope and remind them that they are loved and precious and never alone.

Lord, please step in and make your presence known to us.

Please use us as your hands and feet in the lives of people around us.

Help us to be attuned to these needs and to how you want us to step in.

Gracious God, we ask that you open our eyes to see how you're moving in our lives and in our world.

Thank you for including us in your Kingdom work of healing, justice and peace.

Help us to trust in your equipping us and using us in community.

We give You thanks for sending us your Holy Spirit, your Son Jesus Christ,  
and in your Triune Name we pray all these things  
and offer the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray: Our Father...Amen.

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:**

It is one thing to memorize the words of Jesus. But it is another thing to let those words transform us and rearrange our priorities and our lives. In these moments for quiet and reflection, what is it that God is inviting you to rearrange about your priorities? What is it that you want to offer to the Church and to the world as a practice of God's love?

**Doxology # 606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

<https://youtu.be/JiMZprhxZw4> -

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

God of unimaginable love, we have known of your caring since we were babies in our mother's arms. We have been told the stories of your love, and we have sung songs about your love. These things bring us comfort. What challenges us is the command of Jesus, "As I have loved you, so you should love one another" – not just those who think as we do, pray as we do, and look the way that we do. Help us, through our giving, our living and our loving, to live up to the challenge of loving as you would have us love. In the name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

**Closing Hymn # 547 *Go, My Children with My Blessing***

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<https://youtu.be/PrnRkVcY8ME> - American Kantorei and The Children's Choir of St. Paul Lutheran Church

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story;  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you;  
here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

**Charge and Benediction:**

Friends, imagine what is possible. Imagine what our community would feel like if our own hearts embraced the unconditional love God has for us. Imagine what the nation would sound like if our words echoed the inclusive love God has for us. Imagine what the world would look like if our actions reflected the unwavering love God has for us. Go forth from this place, to transform possibility into reality and to join alongside God in transforming the world through love.

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you and our weary and worn world  
now and forevermore. Amen.