

Immanuel, Sunday 29th August 2021

MUSIC

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Please stand for the hymns if you can do so.

HYMN: 564 JESUS, Lord, we look to thee

Charles Wesley

Jesus, Lord, we look to thee,
let us in thy name agree:
show thyself the Prince of peace;
bid all strife for ever cease.

2 Make us of one heart and mind,
courteous, merciful, and kind,
lowly, meek in thought and word,
altogether like our Lord.

3 Let us for each other care,
each the other's burden bear;
to thy church the pattern give,
show how true believers live.

4 Free from anger and from pride,
let us thus in God abide;
all the depths of love express,
all the heights of holiness.

Prayer: We end with the Lord's Prayer

HYMN: 114 LET all the world in every corner sing

George Herbert

*Let all the world in every corner sing
My God and King!*

The heavens are not too high
His praise may thither fly
The earth is not too low
His praises there may grow

*Let all the world in every corner sing
My God and King!*

The church with psalms must shout
No door can keep them out
But above all the heart
Must bear the longest part

*Let all the world in every corner sing
My God and King!*

Bible Reading: Exodus 4:27-5:1

The LORD said to Aaron, 'Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.' So he went; and he met him at the mountain of God and kissed him. Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD with which he had sent him, and all the signs with which he had charged him. Then Moses and Aaron went and assembled all the elders of the Israelites. Aaron spoke all the words that the LORD had spoken to Moses, and performed the signs in the sight of the people. The people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had given heed to the Israelites and that he had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshipped. Afterwards Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness."

Psalm 116 **HYMN 721** (read responsively)

<p>I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication Because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called up on him The cords of death entangled me; The grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow. Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord I pray you, save my life'</p>	<p>Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low, and he helped me. Turn again to your rest O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well. For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears and my fee from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.</p>
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Bible Reading: Luke 13:10-21

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

He said therefore, 'What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.' And again he said, 'To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

Sermon

HYMN 353 THERE'S a wideness in God's mercy

F. W. Faber

<p>There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in His justice, Which is more than liberty.</p> <p>There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head.</p> <p>There is grace enough for thousands Of new worlds as great as this; There is room for fresh creations In that upper home of bliss.</p>	<p>For the love of God is broader Than the measure of our mind; And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.</p> <p>But we make His love too narrow By false limits of our own; And we magnify His strictness With a zeal He will not own.</p> <p>If our love were but more simple, We should take Him at His word; And our lives would be illumined by the glory of the Lord.</p>
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Prayer: *Creator, loving God/hear our prayer*

Dedication the Offering. *We end with the words of The Grace*

HYMN – 581 SING, one and all, a song of celebration

F. Pratt Green

Sing, one and all, a song of celebration,
Of love's renewal, and of hope restored,
As custom yields to ferment of creation,
And we, his Church, obey our living Lord.

Rejoice that still his Spirit is descending
With challenges that faith cannot refuse:
And ask no longer what is worth defending,
But how to make effective God's good news.

We need not now take refuge in tradition,
Like those prepared to make a final stand,
But use it as a springboard of decision
To follow him whose Kingdom is at hand.

Creative Spirit, let your word be spoken!
your stock of truth invigorates the mind;
Your miracles of grace shall be our token
That only God in Christ is saving
humankind.

Blessing

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