

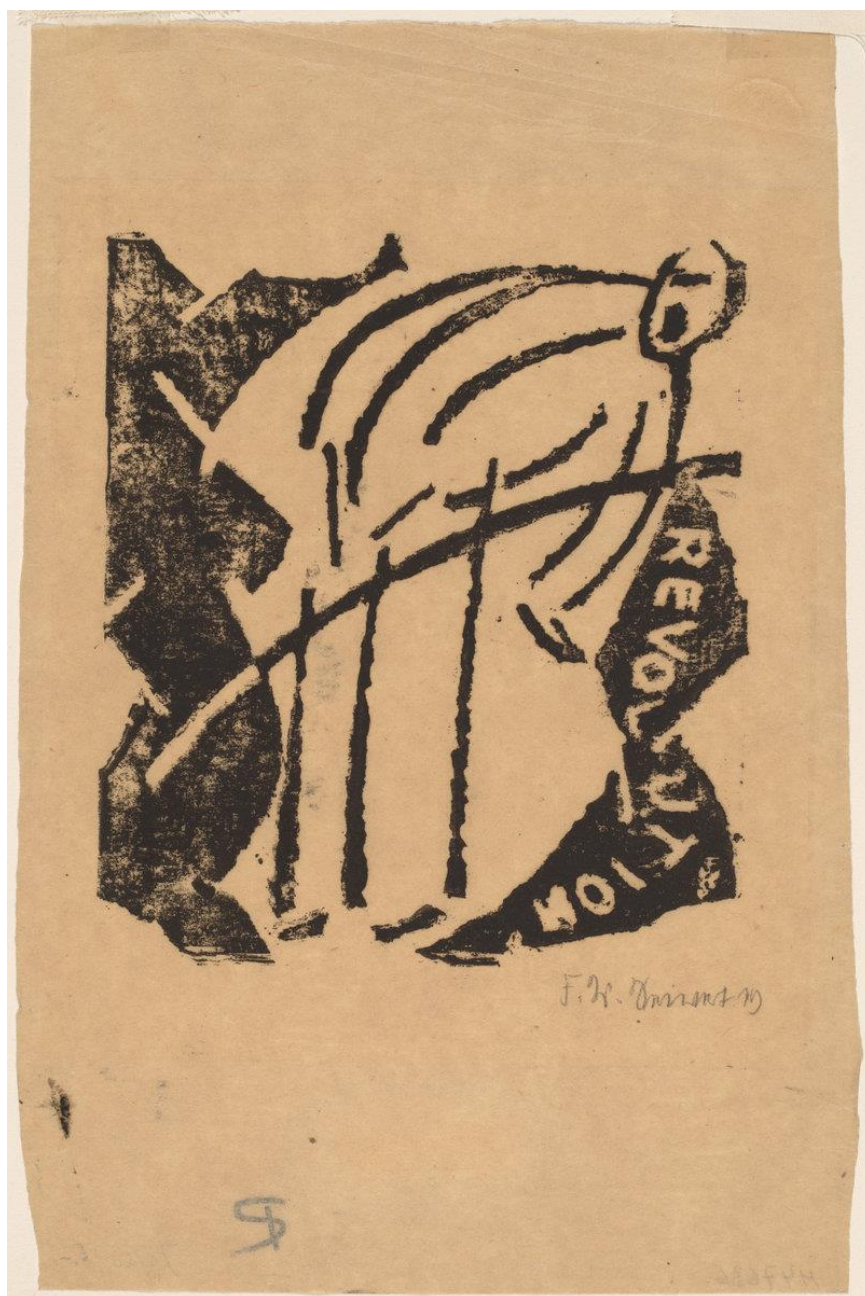
VIRTUAL CHAPEL SERVICE

November 11 and November 14, 2020



“Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s,
and to God the things that are God’s.”

Matthew 22:21 (NRSV)



Gathering as the Body of Christ.

CENTERING SONG

“THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME”

AAHH 301

JESUS JESUS JESUS
THERE'S JUST SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME
MASTER SAVIOR JESUS
LIKE A FRAGRANCE AFTER THE RAIN
JESUS JESUS JESUS
LET ALL HEAVEN AND EARTH PROCLAIM
KINGS AND KINGDOMS MAY ALL PASS AWAY
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME

GREETING

PRESIDER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Celebrate God's love, which has been poured into your life!
Many **Forgiveness, encouragement, support, and healing are gifts of God to us.**
Reach out and care for those around you.
We will be people of peace and justice.
Shout for joy!
Sing God's praises always! AMEN.

OPENING HYMN

“LIKE A MOTHER WHO HAS BORNE US”

NCH 583

Like a mother who has borne us, held us close in her delight,
fed us freely from her body, God has called us into life.

Like a father who has taught us, grasped our hand and been our guide,
lifted us and healed our sorrows, God has walked with us in life.

Though as children we have wandered, placed our trust in power and might,
left behind our brothers, sisters, God still calls us into life.

When we offer food and comfort, grasp our neighbor's hand in love, tread the
path of peace and justice, God still walks with us in life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Now let us come before God with words of confession:

Loving and Gracious God, forgive us for we have gone astray from your ways.

Soften our hearts so we may come to you in contrition.

You taught us that:

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

But we put all pride in ourselves.

Blessed are those who mourn.

But we only mourn when others are happy.

Blessed are the meek and the peacemakers.

But rage and makes wars.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But we shirk from virtue and seek malice.

Blessed are the merciful.

But we call for vengeance and wrath.

Blessed are the pure in heart.

But cheapen our hearts with lust and dark thoughts.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness.

But we don't stand up for the persecuted nor the righteous.

Ever forgiving God, allow us grace to walk again in the light so we may be light to the world.

We ask this for our good and Your glory. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God forgives us and allows us to be renewed.

That is the good news and the free Grace we are given.

Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel

Many In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All Thanks be to God

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

You are invited to pass the peace to each other by waving or by typing in the chat function in Zoom.

Peace be with you! **And also with you!**

Let us share this peace with one another.

Service of the Word

POEM

“RENDER UNTO CAESAR”

LAWRENCE HALL

Let us render unto the Caesars
Our sons and daughters for undeclared wars
Each death excused with a telephone call
Each death another medal for a general

Let us render unto the Caesars
Our children for the pleasures of the rich
Each death and shattered heart excused as art
Each death a tribute to some rich man's lust

Each leader, each Somebody, takes and takes –
They then dismiss their victims as snowflakes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 22:15-22

NRSV

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

REV. DR. MICHAEL WILSON

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

One We lift our prayers to You,
 O Love Above All Loves,
 and place our hearts and souls within your keeping:

Many Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to walk in humility and compassion, Jesus
as companions in joy and sorrow with all the earth,
which you created in unity
for the sake of love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

You gave your life as a ransom for all, O Savior:
let us dedicate ourselves
to serving God and each other
in love and faithfulness
according to your commandment.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to seek the good of others, O Redeemer,
to serve rather than be served,
that we may embody your grace and mercy.

Lord hear our prayer.

By the path we take today, O God,
may we shine forth the love of God into darkness,
reconcile the world to your truth,
and proclaim your marvels as your witnesses.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of Hope, kindle your light within us,
and pour out your grace and peace
upon those for whom we pray.

Amen.

Service of the Table

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“SANCTUARY”

AAHH 462

**Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Presider The Lord be with you

Many And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.

Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.

Day and night celebrate your glory
till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your only-begotten Son,
you have revealed yourself to the world.

**By the guiding of a star,
you made him known to the nations
as the son of David and king of Israel;
that in following him,
we might be led from darkness
and into his marvelous light.**

As children of your redeeming purpose
who celebrate the manifestation of your Son
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Parent.
In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.
**Our hope is built on the one
in whom you are well pleased.
Having been shown to the world
as your beloved Son,
he proclaimed the good news of your kingdom.**

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
desiring to complete the work
for which he came into the world,
at supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
“Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
“Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son's command.

**We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful God,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honor and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.
Amen.

Going Forth as the Body of Christ

CLOSING SONG

“SEEK YE FIRST”

UMH 405

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia**

**Man shall not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“SEEK YE FIRST”

INSTRUMENTAL REPRISE

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