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March 7, 2021

Gathering Music "Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 (*condensed*)

One: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

**All: You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in
heaven or earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.**

One: You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

**All: Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. In six days
the Lord made heaven and earth but rested on the seventh day;
therefore the Lord blessed the seventh day and consecrated it.**

One: Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long
in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

All: You shall not murder.

One: You shall not commit adultery.

All: You shall not steal.

One: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**All: You shall not covet your neighbor's house, your neighbor's
wife, your neighbor's slave or ox or donkey or anything
that belongs to your neighbor.**

Hymn "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things will be added unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you.

Seek and you shall find.

Knock and it shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia.

Prayer of Confession: **Generous God, as your servant Moses gave us the
Law, so your servant Micah gave us three simple guidelines for living in
peace with you and our neighbors: "Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly
with your God." Still we fill our lives with anxiety looking out for number
one, instead of sharing justly with the poor. We isolate ourselves by**

keeping the suffering of others at a distance, instead of reaching out to bless them with kindness. Again and again, we choose the lonely path of self-centered fear, instead of opening our hearts to be ruled by your will. Forgive us, O God. By this holy meal, nourish our souls and strengthen our hearts to walk in the way of blessing. We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Statement of Faith *(from the United Church of Canada):*

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Gloria Patri

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.

We Lift up Our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Special Music

We Dedicate our Gifts: Doxology and Offering prayer

Second Reading Psalm 19

Sermon

Hymn “Cleanse Me”

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from ev'ry sin and set me free.

I praise thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill thy Word, and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify thy name.

Lord, take my life and make it wholly thine;
Fill my poor heart with thy great love divine.
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;
I now surrender: Lord, in me abide.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Prayer:

You have given yourself to us, loving God, in the simple food and drink we have shared. Jesus has been here. Even now, his presence is strengthening us to be his Body. God, give us courage; make us whole and give us peace. Fill us with Holy Spirit and send us out to touch the world with your healing Presence; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Friend. Amen.

Benediction

Response “Lord, Dismiss Us”

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

Postlude

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