

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn – MP 380 - Jesus, stand among us

1. Jesus, stand among us
In Thy risen power;
Let this time of worship
Be a hallowed hour.
2. Breathe the Holy Spirit
Into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows
From each soul depart.
3. Thus with quickened footsteps
We pursue our way,
Watching for the dawning
Of each eternal day.

Prayer

Scripture Reading – I John 4: 7 – 21 – ⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn - MP 230 - Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face

- 1, Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon Thee lean.
2. Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calms of sin forgiven.

3. Too soon we rise, the symbols disappear;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
the bread and wine remove, but Thou art here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

4. I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
another arm save Thine to lean upon;
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

5. Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace -
Thy Blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God!

6. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving sweet foretastes of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

Hymn - MP 723 - We come as guests invited

1. We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine,
His friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken,
the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.

2. We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on Him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.

3. One bread is ours for sharing,
one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained and given
by token, sign and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven,
the love of Christ our Lord.

Communion

Hymn - * Be known to us (by J Montgomery)

1. Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us and spread
Thy table in our heart.
2. There sup with us in love divine,
thy body and blood
that living bread that heav'nly wine,
be our immortal food.

Dedication of Offering

(Continued overleaf)

Hymn - MP 130 - Father God, the Lord, Creator

1. Father God, the Lord, Creator,
by whose hand we all are fed,
in Your mercy recreate us
at the breaking of the bread

2. Christ our Lord, be present with us,
risen victorious from the dead!
In Your mercy may we know You,
in the breaking of the bread

3. Holy Spirit, God's empowering,
by whose life the Church is led;
In Your mercy, send us strengthened
from the breaking of the bread

4. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
hear our praises - sung and said.
From our hearts comes our thanksgiving
for the breaking of the bread

Benediction & Amen

Hymn – MP 460 - May God's blessing

May God's blessing surround you each day,
as you trust Him and walk in His way.
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.