

Morning Worship – July 5, 2020

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Welcome, Joys and Concerns

Centering Prayer

Call to Worship

Brothers and sisters, boys and girls—

come and worship!

Even if you're tired and worn out—

come and worship!

Lay down the heavy things you're
carrying—

come and worship!

Listen to what Jesus wants to tell you—

come and worship!

See if you can discover how Jesus wants to
use you—

come and worship!

For Jesus is humble and gentle, and he will
give us everything we need to follow him.

Opening Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know,

For the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to Him belong;

They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me!

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Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,

As He loved so long ago,

Taking children on His knee,

Saying, "Let them come to Me."

Refrain:

Jesus loves me still today,

Walking with me on my way,

Wanting as a friend to give

Light and love to all who live.

Refrain:

Morning Prayer

Creator God, Lord of heaven and earth,
we gather in your presence with
thanksgiving and praise for the way in
which you have revealed yourself to us.

Through Jesus Christ, your Son, we
have come to know and love you; we have
seen your love and mercy in action; we
have caught a glimpse of your heart, and
we have heard the call to follow.

Continue to reveal yourself to us as we
worship. May your Holy Spirit open our
minds and hearts to your presence here,
and to the word that you have for us this
morning. We long to meet you here, and to
know you better. Hear the prayers on our
hearts. *Time of silent reflection*

We pray together as Jesus taught...

Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Our Response

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Scripture

Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵⁻²⁶ Abruptly Jesus broke into prayer:

"Thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth. You've concealed your ways from
sophisticates and know-it-alls, but spelled
them out clearly to ordinary people. Yes,
Father, that's the way you like to work."

²⁷ Jesus resumed talking to the people,
but now tenderly. "The Father has given me
all these things to do and say. This is a
unique Father-Son operation, coming out of
Father and Son intimacies and knowledge.
No one knows the Son the way the Father
does, nor the Father the way the Son does.
But I'm not keeping it to myself; I'm ready
to go over it line by line with anyone willing
to listen.

28-30 “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Reflection **Pastor Alaire**
Tables, Yokes, and Stories

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Giver of all, we offer our thanks. We are connected, O God, we are your church. Bless our giving – our prayers, our gifts, our service, our presence, real or virtually, and the witness we give each day. We give so others may know you. May we be faithful servants and use all this giving wisely to honor you. Amen

Hymn of Thanks tune: Old 100th
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above you heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Be present at our table, Lord;
Be here and everywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee.

We thank thee for the morning light,
for rest and shelter of the night,
for health and food, for love and friends,
for everything thy goodness sends.

Taking the Bread

Agape signifies a selfless, unconditional love, like God has for us. An agape meal is not communion. Anyone can “lead”, or you may do on your own.

The bread may be from an ordinary loaf, crackers, rolls or even sweet bread. The beverage was originally water; now it can be lemonade, coffee, tea, or juice.

I’ll offer the prayer and give additional instructions.

Dismissal with Blessing

Sending Out *Bind Us Together*

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King,
There is only one Body, that is why we sing:
repeat 1st four lines.

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July mission focus: supplies for Ingathering School kits. List in newsletter.

Prayer corner: Georgianna B Derricklee H
Kayne C Cory J Lucinda A Don R Mark T Todd W
Jim S Denny T Kirby A Gwen J George K
De-escalation of Racial Tensions
 (“with Liberty and Justice for all”)
COVID Virus Crisis Pandemic (all issues/concerns)
EG-UMC Ad Council, Committees, and Task Forces
Pastoral Changes throughout Iowa
 (including EG-UMC and Dows’ church)
Pastor Jim & the Town and Country parish.
Pastor Mary Green on her retirement.
The Iowa Annual Conference – the cabinet, pastors and people.

Coming up this week: Meet and Greet Pastor Alaire - Tuesday, 10-11am on the lawn.

Wednesday – 5:30pm, Re-opening Team. 6:30, Ad council. Watch for msg re: where/how