



ORDER OF WORSHIP | SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020 | 10 A.M ONLINE

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Welcome

Home

Hymn: *This is My Father's World*

Morning Prayer

Heather Kaemingk, Director of Worship and Liturgy

Restoration

Expressing our Gratitude

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Stories of Grace

Steve Murphy

Sermon Text

The Garibay Family: Francisco and Myrna, Karen, Maya, and Andres
Colossians 1:15-20

Sermon

Postcards of Summer: "The weather is great: wish you were..."
The Rev. Dr. Trey H. Little, Senior Pastor

Hymn: *We are God's People*

Benediction

Choral Response

Go Forth Into the World in Peace (Rutter)

Grace *at home*

HOUSE WORSHIP LITURGY | SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

Invitation and Gathering

Consider lighting a candle to signal that worship has begun and that God is present wherever and whenever two or more gather in God's name. When we gather for worship we acknowledge that God is the one who gathers us together.

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Application Questions

1. What does it mean that Jesus is the "Head" in verse 18?
2. What does Colossians 1: 15-20 say about the sufficiency of our salvation in Christ?
3. Can you think of ways we, as a church, are tempted to 'add' to Jesus?

Call to Prayer

From Colossians 1:9b-14

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Lets come before the Lord in prayer.

Prayer

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your ay; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. We praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ.

Hear us now as we bring our own confessions before you...

Brief time of silence

Psalm 23 declares that Your loving kindness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives. Jesus in light of your loving kindness, please hear now our prayers for your people and your world.

(take a few minutes to lift up the needs of the world before God now)

We thank you that you hear our prayers and are always with us. Amen.

Declaration of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20 from The Message

We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body.

He was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so roomy, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.

Sending

We do not worship for ourselves alone, but for the sake of the world. God gathers us, speaks to us, and feeds us so that we might be formed into people who look and act like Jesus in our everyday lives.

Benediction

Hear now this charge based on Colossians 3:15-17 from *The Message*:

Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way. Amen!

Dig Deeper:

Continue re-reading through the first chapter of Colossians 1 this week, but pick a different translation than you have been in. Perhaps trying the NRSV, or *The Message* for a different take on the text and some slight nuances in the words. What differences stand out to you? Do you hear something new or different in the text in the small changes? Continue to journal each day through prayer the portions of scripture that stick out to you or that God puts on your heart.