

Welcome to Worship

Sharing life in Christ with each other and our neighbors

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Holy Holy Holy (#538)

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Which wert and art
And evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power
In love and purity

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

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Welcome & Announcements

Focus

As we read from Luke's gospel today we see teachers of the law parading about in flowing robes, flaunting their religion. We know *that's* not what God wants, but then what *does* he want? Our money? Crusading for the kingdom? No, Jesus wants humility and wisdom; he wants us to seek justice. So what about ourselves? Are we like these teachers of the law who flash their faith before others? Are we like the poor widow? How *do* we practice our faith in this world?

Confession

(Reading Together)

God, we do not fool you with our posturing and pretending.

You see our hearts and know when we are full of ourselves.

You know when our aim is to impress others.

We may intend to love those in need yet we approve the very policies that oppress them.

We may even use you as a means to glorify ourselves.

Open our eyes to the ways we reject you. Give us a desire to please you and you only.

And God, help us to follow the example of those who may have little yet quietly give you all they have.

Open our hearts to honor them as you honor them.

God, do not be angry with us but forgive us and turn us to you and to each other.

Assurance of Pardon

People of God, hear these words:

I will sprinkle clean water on you,
and you will be clean from all your uncleanness;
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

A new heart I will give you,
and a new spirit I will put within you;
and I will remove from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.

We Greet Each Other

Scripture Reading: Luke 20 :45 - Luke 21: 4

Humble Yourself in the Sight of the Lord

Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord.
Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord,
And He shall lift you up, higher and higher,
And He shall lift you up. *Repeat*

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Micah 6:8

He has shown thee, O man,
What is good, and what the Lord requires of thee.
He has shown thee, O man,
What is good, and what the Lord requires of thee.
But to do justly, and to love mercy,
And to walk humbly with thy God. *Repeat*

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They'll Know We Are Christians (#256)

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity
And save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

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Children's Message

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above;
With wisdom, pow'r and love
Our God is an awesome God. *(repeat)*
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Congregational Prayer

Message: "What does Jesus See?"
Pastor Jonathan

Parting Blessing

Canto de esperanza/Song of Hope (#941)

May the God of hope go with us every day
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying let us work for peace
singing share our joy with all
working for a world that's new
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

God will be our shepherd as we go our way
and will not forsake us when we go astray.

Even though the load of life is hard to bear
we must not forget that God is always there.

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