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Come and Worship the Lord

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Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **This is a safe space for all people. This is a safe space for me!**

Leader: The Olympics on TV are about athletics. But how could we compete in Spiritual Olympics?

People: **Being a Christian requires spiritual discipline; a self-control that enables us to do whatever it takes to makes disciples of Jesus Christ!**

Prelude

Consolation

Franz Liszt

*Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2. Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy
 3. Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4. To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing, help us to praise! Fa - ther all
 might - y sword, our prayer at - tend! Come, and thy
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al -
 prais - es be, hence, ev - er - more. Thy sov - ereign

glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend!
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!

***Opening Prayer**

Lord, we need you. Every hour we need you. Right now, we need you. During this hour of worship, teach us how to exercise our faith, to improve our relationship with you and to practice self-control. Give us wisdom, patience and determination to make good choices, stay in love with you and serve our neighbors. Bless us as we worship, and bless our minds and our bodies as we physically respond to your message all week. Amen!

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

His Name Is Wonderful

His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He is the mighty King, Master of everything;
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is He;
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

Special Music – Karen Hanko

You Are Lord

Pepper Choplin

Message

Spiritual Olympics: Self-Control

Offering Conversation

Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here ... and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

*Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

The image shows the first system of musical notation for the hymn 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in 3/4 time and one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. Below the staves, four verses of the hymn are written, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in; 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our; 3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual; 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us.

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Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Triumphal March

G.F. Handel

* All in the congregation who are able, please stand.

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