

Order of Worship

March 14, 2021

PRELUDE

GREETING/PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Haley Jones

OPENING HYMN 384b

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brittany Watson

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tammy Felder

LIGHTING OF THE EMPATHY CANDLE / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Donna Hankins

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3: 12-41

Kevin Shalin

SERMON

Rev. David C. Freeman

OFFERTORY

Courant from Cello Suite #1

A LENTEN PRAYER FOR EMPATHY

Kim Brewer, Kim Bowers and Hannah Anderson

God, our world is bent and broken, but this didn't stop you from showing your great love for us by sending your son to empathize with us in our weakness. Help me to do likewise. Help me to view each person the way you see them. I recognize that in order to do that, I must be willing to share in the pain of others. Give me the courage to do so and respond with compassion and love. Allow me to be a part of your grace

**to heal the brokenness in this world. Let empathy and restoration start with me.
Amen.**

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 98

To God Be The Glory

*To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

Refrain: *Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **(Refrain)***

*Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **(Refrain)***

BENEDECTION

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