

First Presbyterian Church, New Haven, CT

Worship Bulletin

Summer 2

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Song: *Room for You* by Joseph

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Call To Worship

One: We serve a God who remembers us.

All: God is steadfast and holds us forever.

One: God brings clarity from confusion.

All: God calls forth order from the depths.

One: When you pray, your God hears you.

All: When we cry out, our God draws near.

One: We trust in God's love.

All: We sing God's praise. Come, let us worship God!

Hymn 366

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Davis Family Singers

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 the promised rest.
Take away the love of 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.

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

(Hold silence)

God of grace and of goodness, we have made your world a broken and fearful place. We divide the human family, granting privilege to some, violating your image in our siblings and in ourselves, and denying ourselves the joy and gift of community within the human family. We make retribution the norm and neglect restoration and rehabilitation; patrol and incarceration become instruments of control to displace our fear. We place our trust in weapons. We care too deeply for our own desires, for money and for things; the resources of your earth are extracted for the benefit of a few; and the labor of your children exploited. We have made your world a broken and fearful place. God of goodness and of grace, forgive us, renew us. In these places of harm and destruction, share with us your practices of liberation. May we receive the Holy Spirit, anew to join into dances of joy and partnership with all creation in all our days. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: To all of us, Jesus says;

All: follow me.

One: When we seek our own way, leaving God's intentions;

All: follow and know the mercy of God.

One: When we wound our siblings,

All: follow and find true repentance.

One: When we are wounded and oppressed;

All: follow and know the welcome of God.

One: In all things and at all times, when we go astray, when we fall short, Jesus says;

All: follow me; follow me and know God's unending grace;

follow and live holy and joyful lives;

follow and work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

One: Friends, believe the Good News.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Song Response - Hymn 846 Fight the Good Fight, verse 4

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

God changeth not, and thou art dear.

Only believe, and thou shalt see

that Christ is all in all to the e.

Prayer of Illumination

Psalter Reading Psalm 13

New Testament Reading Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Offertory - Hymn 649

Amazing Grace, verses 1,2,3,5
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

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'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we trust that you will hold all the dreams of life abundant for all of your creation; you will hold them in the palm of your hand. Take and use these gifts to ensure that there is room enough for all, love enough for all, grace enough for all. Oh Holy God, take and use these gifts for all to know your love. We pray this in Your Holy Son's Name. Amen.

Charge/Benediction