



*Living Praise Celebration*  
Online  
Sunday, June 7, 2020

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**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of our One God, in three Persons: The Father,

**All: Our Creator and Sustainer;**

Pastor: The Son,

**All: Our Savior, and Lord;**

Pastor: The Holy Spirit,

**All: Our Counselor and Equipper; Amen!**

**HYMN**

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds LBW 370**

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in  
Be fore our Fa ther's throne We pour our  
We share our mu tual and woes, Our mu tual  
From sor row, toil, and pain And sin we

Chris tian love; The u ni ty of heart and  
ar dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are  
bur dens bear, free, And per fect love and each oth er  
shall be free, And per fect love and friend ship

mind Is like to that a bove.  
one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
flows The sym - pa - thy - - our ing tear.  
reign Through all e - ter - ni ty.

## CALL TO WORSHIP – from Psalm 103

Pastor: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**All: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**All: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**All: As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children,

**All: So the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS - from 1 John 4

Pastor: God has said this about us, the Church: “This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

**All: But too often, we put the focus on our love for God, and judge others because they don’t seem to love God as we do. Lord, we confess our self-reliance, and ask your forgiveness.**

Pastor: God has said this about us, the Church: “God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”

**All: So often, we fear the influence of those whose love differs from ours. Lord, we confess our fear to you, and ask your forgiveness.**

Pastor: God has said this about us, the Church: “We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.”

**All: We have lied to ourselves, to our God, and to our brothers and sisters, for we have hated the people who do things we consider to be hateful. Lord, we confess our hate to you, and ask your forgiveness.**

*-We pause to remember and repent of our sin-*

Pastor: What is the first “mark of the Church?”

**All: Loving people! Amen.**

## READING

### Luke 7:36-50

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

"Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

## SERMON

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Having heard God's Word, we pray together:

**All: Lord God, you have given us a love that we don't deserve, and call us to show that love to a world full of the undeserving. Fill us with such gratitude because our sins are forgiven that we replace our preoccupation with who deserves your love with the desire to embody your love, as your church. In the name of the One who loved us to death, Jesus our Savior, we pray it. Amen.**

## NICENE CREED

**All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Sprit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS

### LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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 and ever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING SONG

### **"Reckless Love"**

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me  
You have been so so good to me  
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus (And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God yeah

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me  
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up  
Coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down  
Coming after me

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