



Order of Worship
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 28, 2020



Prelude *His Eye is on the Sparrow* performed by Jean Erickson

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Dr. Lolly Dominski

Opening Scripture (Psalm 139: 1-4, 13-18a) Dominic Harris

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand.

Hymn of Praise *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (v. 1, 3, & 4)
performed by Jason Nelson

**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.

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 Confession

Rev. Bunny Hughes

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Bunny Hughes

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Hear now, we humbly ask, the sins we confess to you in the silence of our hearts.

Time of silent confession

Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Bunny Hughes

Hymn of Response

Restore In Us, O God (v. 1, 3, & 4) performed by Jason Nelson

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.

**Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.**

Gospel Lesson

John 17: 17-26

Bob Brunton

[Jesus prayed to the Father about his disciples, saying] "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word. that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Children's Sermon

by Eric Schwarz

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Dr. Lolly Dominski

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Rev. Dr. Lolly Dominski

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Paul, Love and Michelangelo

Rev. Dr. Lolly Dominski

Hymn of Reflection

Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God

performed by Jason Nelson

**Everyone who longs for the boundless love of God,
everyone who hopes for the coming of God's peace,
the Lord God who created all things beautiful and good
loves you more than you can ever fully know.**

God is always watching over you,
God is watching you with loving eyes.
God is hearing you in all your prayers;
God listening with tender, loving ears.
God shines light in every dark and fearful place we go
and will answer every little cry that you make,
so wherever you may go, follow in God's holy way
and trust God to take you home.

Everyone who worships God and sings glad songs of praise,
everyone who follows God's good and holy way,
the Lord God who created all things beautiful and good
loves you now as one of God's own.

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Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Bob Brunton

In life and death we belong to God. We trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In sovereign love God created the world. God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bunny Hughes

Lord, because love is patient, help us to be slow to judge, but quick to listen; hesitant to criticize, but eager to encourage; remembering Your endless patience with us.

Lord, because love is kind, help our words to be gentle and our actions thoughtful. Remind us to smile and be gracious in giving thanks to others, because those things speak to hearts so loudly.

Lord, because love does not envy or boast, and it is not proud, help us have a heart that is humble enough to see the good in others. May we celebrate and appreciate all that we have and all that we are, as well as doing the same for those around us.

Lord, because love is not rude or self-seeking, help us to speak words that are easy on the ear and on the heart. When we are tempted to get wrapped up in our own little world, remind us there's a big world, full of needs and hurts.

Lord, because love is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs, help us to forgive others as You have forgiven each of us. When we want to hold onto a grudge, gently help us release it so we can reach out with a hand of love instead.

Lord, because love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth, help us stand up for what is right and good. May we defend the defenseless, and help the helpless. Show us how we can make a difference.

Lord, because love always protects and always trusts, help us to be a refuge for those around us. When the world is harsh and cold, may our hearts be a place of acceptance and warmth.

Finally, Lord, because love always perseveres, help our hearts continually beat with love for You and others. Thank You for showing us what the word **love** really means.

We pray together for our CPC family, asking, O God, that You would bless and protect each one, especially those we name before You now:

The family and friends who grieve the loss of:

Gladys Doscher
Louise Barnes
Fran Stephenson
George Rendall
Lee Adkins
Cathy Geis

Those who grieve:

Innis Family, loss of Alisa's mother
McClow Family, loss of Teresa's mother

Those who are in need of healing and prayer support:

Mike Berner
Terry Campbell
Laurie Crackel
Rick and Gail, brother and sister-in-law of Don Comfort
Kathy Francis, recovering from surgery
Tom Harris and Ruth Harris, parents of Dominic
Phyllis Hendricks, mother of Sharon Harris
Mike Keith
Joan Keith
Terry Keith
Jacob Kelly
Nancy Knuepfer, undergoing chemotherapy
David Nimmer
Darlene Rouka
Lynda Stahl
Aidan Schwarz

Surround all, O God, with Your loving care and steadfast protection, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy, hear these prayers. Amen.

And we speak together now the very words our Lord and Savior taught us to say:
Our Father....

Sending Song

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me performed by Jason Nelson

**Jesus, thy boundless love to me
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee,
and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live;
myself to thee entirely give.**

**O grant that nothing in my soul
may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole,
my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
may every act, word, thought be love.
O Love, how gracious is thy way!
All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away
where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
nothing desire, or seek, but thee.**

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Lolly Dominski

Closing Music

How Great Thou Art

performed by Dominic Harris