

Worshiping God, the Lover of Our Souls!

PRELUDE *Magnificat I* Marcel Dupré

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Luke 1:46-47 (KJV)

Magnificat VI Gloria

Dennis Bergin, organ

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Sanctuary Choir; Carrie Smith, piano; Matt Brantley, bass; Billy Stulac, Ariana Stout, guitar;
Ian Nolting, drums

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful, His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Text translated from the Greek by Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885); Music: Old French melody arr. by Gustav Holst (1874-1934); ©1993 Thorpe Music Publishing Company. All rights reserved. Reprinted with permission under OneLicense.net #A-715258

***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 40:3-5

Reverend David Barnes, Associate Pastor

Pastor: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Pastor: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,

People: For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

***REJOICE! REJOICE! No. 194** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED John 15:13

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED John 3:16-18

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

***THE LOVER OF OUR SOULS No. 498** *Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners*

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** Romans 12:9-21

Pastor: Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

People: Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Pastor: Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

People: Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Pastor: Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

People: Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Pastor: Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

People: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

***GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen**

WE INVOKE HIS HELP Isaiah 30:21

Carl Blough, Elder

And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD *God's Love and Power Proclaim!*
Sanctuary Choir

Proclaim the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
Proclaim the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule by day;
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

Proclaim the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
Who formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

O sing the glory of the Lord! Come, praise His holy name.
Come, children of the living King, God's love and pow'r proclaim!
God's love and pow'r proclaim, pow'r proclaim!

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Your glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne;
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care,
And ev'rywhere that I may be, God, You are present there.

O sing the glory of the Lord! Come, praise His holy name.
Come, children of the living King, God's love and pow'r proclaim!
God's love and pow'r proclaim, God's pow'r proclaim!
God's love and pow'r proclaim!

Words: Isaac Watts; adapted by Loyd Larson; Music: Lloyd Larson, quoting Forest Green & Traditional English Melody; ©2020 Lorenz Publishing Company, a div. of The Lorenz Corp. All rights reserved. Reprinted with permission under OneLicense.net #A-715258.

Children's Church - Pre-K, Kindergarten & 1st Grade, Room 207 Children & Teachers
please come forward **AFTER** the Offertory. **Parents, please accompany your child to
register them for their first visit.**

GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD	Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor
SERMON SERIES	"1 Corinthians"
SCRIPTURE TEXT	1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 page 960 in the pew Bible
SERMON TITLE	"Biblical Love"

***WE SEE JESUS NO. 529** *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

***BENEDICTION**

Earnest Desire

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 | page 960 in the pew Bible

How does Paul teach about biblical love?

1. He demands love

2. He defines love

3. He differentiates love

*Congregation please rise

Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version, ©2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. All rights reserved. Reprinted with permission.