

Cimarron Presbytery Worship Service – Feb. 9, 2021
The Rev. Dr. Gordon Edwards – Liturgist
The Rev. Andrew Long – Sacred Music
The Rev. Ron Fike - Preaching

Welcome, Joys, and Concerns

Ron

Call to Worship

From Psalm 147

Gordon

One: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing God's praises,

All: For God is kind and gracious. A song of praise is fitting.

One: God restores the brokenhearted and heals their wounds.

All: The Lord helps those who are suffering but casts the wicked to the ground.

One: The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear God,

All: In those who hope in God's steadfast love.

Hymn of Praise #611 v. 1&3

Andrew

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

(To sing together on ZOOM, everyone please remember to mute your microphone.)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Call to Confession

Gordon

Friends, all have sinned. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from unrighteousness. The one who has promised is faithful. Please join in the Prayer of Confession.

Prayer of Confession

Gordon

Almighty God, we often forget to stop and pray. We rush through the day and pay little attention to all you have done for us. We overlook the beauty of the world you created and the people you place around us. We fail to recognize the ways you strengthen us. We get lost in the busyness of life and forget that life is in YOU. Forgive us, merciful God. Fill our hearts with your praises and our lips with prayers to you.

Assurance of Pardon

Gordon

One: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God. And that is what we are. Beloved, we are children of a gracious and forgiving God. You are forgiven.

All: Thank you, Jesus! Amen.

WORD

Introduction to the Gospel Reading

Ron

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

Gordon

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

32 That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered around the door. 34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37 When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." 38 He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." 39 And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Sermon

Prioritizing Prayers

Ron

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD...

...By Declaration of Faith **The Apostle's Creed** **Ron**
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

...By **CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

THE INVITATION

Ron

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gordon

One: The Lord be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift our hearts to the Lord.**

One: Give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: How good and pleasant it is, Joyous God, to gather as your children and sing your praises. With those from every time and every place, with whom we hold faith in common, we sing your praises forever:

All: **Holy, holy, holy, God of grace and hope. All creation praises your glorious name. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes that our joy may be complete. Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Holy are you, the giver of blessings, and gracious is your son, Jesus our Christ. We declare the mystery we have heard and seen:

All: **Christ went to the cross, stretching out his hands to embrace death; Christ came out of the grave, reaching out his hands to embrace your love; Christ will come, offering us his hands so we might go home with him.**

One: Breathe on us, Spirit of God, as we gather around your table praying as Jesus taught...

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Ron

LITANY OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

Gordon

One: God of ancient covenants, your steadfast love and faithfulness are still new every morning.

All: Thank you that we can begin this day in confident prayer, trusting your abiding love and unending mercy.

One: Help us treat others— family, friends, coworkers, classmates, politicians, leaders, and even strangers— with love and mercy in our encounters today.

All: When I disappoint or am disappointed, help me show love to others. Open my eyes to the places, people, and circumstances in which your kingdom has come near.

One: For the Church universal, and our larger Christian family worldwide, we praise you, O God.

All: For all the saints who, in times past, had to walk or ride to their prayer meetings and who would be amazed by the wonders of ZOOM, we praise you, O God.

One: For your presence whenever a cup of cold water is given in your name or a mask is worn for the thoughtful protection of others, we praise you, O God.

All: For faithful stewards who have lived for others, serving you by loving neighbors, we praise you, O God.

One: For the knowledge that your church and ministry among us will continue today, tomorrow, and forever, we praise you, O God.

All: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray and give you praise. Amen.

SENT OUT TO WORSHIP AND SERVE...

...With Joyful Hearts

Andrew

#634 To God Be the Glory

(To sing together on ZOOM, please remember to mute your microphone)

To God be the glory; great things he has 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.

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 through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

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 through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

The Benediction

Ron