FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Prelude

“Ubi Caritas et Amor”
“Where charity and love are, God is there.”

Opening Words

Sharing God’s Peace
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Call to Worship (responsive reading)
Leader: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!
People: Teach us, lead us, and turn us to your ways, O God!
Leader: We are to walk in the paths of God’s commandments with delight and full trust.
People: With our whole heart, we gather to worship, to be guided, and to turn to your ways, O God.

Acolyte Procession Video

* Hymn #394

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion’s help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come, with all your loving-kindness; hear your people as we pray,
And your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain;
What they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Creator, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Intercession

* Indicates where to please rise in spirit.
ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
The Rev. Woodworth
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!
¡Alaben a Dios!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
Romans 13:8-14
Dr. Moore
Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

HYMN #316 (vs. 1, 2, 5)
“Where Charity and Love Prevail”
TWO-NINETEENTH

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love, by love we thus are bound.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God’s holy Son.
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God’s name;
Our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON
Matthew 18:15-20
The Rev. Dr. Bush
If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

SERMON
“The Art of Thinking Small”
The Rev. Dr. Bush

HYMN #510
“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”
COME, SHARE THE LORD

We gather here in Jesus’ name; his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.
He joins us here; he breaks the bread; the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
The one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.
We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.
We’ll gather soon where angels sing; we’ll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

— THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER  
The Rev. Joe and Cathie Hajdu

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
The Rev. Dr. Bush

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION  
Michael Painter

Ever-present God, just as Jesus promised to be among us when two or three gather in his name, continue to be among us in the days ahead. As you’ve graciously fed us at your table, sustain us through the meals, the work, the opportunities and challenges yet to come. May our lives witness to a hurting world that with you there is perfect peace. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

GREETING FROM COLLEGE STUDENTS

OFFERING INVITATION  
The Rev. Dr. Bush

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HYMN #203 (vs. 1, 2, 3)  
“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”  
Chereponi

Refrain:  
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
Silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
Varied in color and race;
Neighbors are near us and far away. (Refrain)

These are the ones we should serve;
These are the ones we should love;
All these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)

BLESSING & BENEDICTION  
The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE  
“The Rejoicing”  
George Frideric Handel

Dr. Moore, organ
CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

REGENT SQUARE  8.7.8.7.8

7th century, Latin
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, And our confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today; With Your wonted loving-kindness With the blessed to retain, And Your fullest benediction Shed with its walls always.

3. Here bestow on all Your servants What they ask of You to gain, What they gain from You forever Ever three and ever one; One in might and in Your glory Evermore with You to reign. one in glory While unending ages run.
WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL (vs. 1, 2, 5)

1 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
2 Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God’s holy Son.
3 Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
4 Let us forgive each other’s faults as we our own confess,
5 Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God’s name;

brought here together by Christ’s love, by love we thus are bound.
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.
Be God’s the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ’s “new commandment” that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

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TWENTY-FOURTH
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WE GATHER HERE IN JESUS’ NAME

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em7)

Bb F Gm7

1 We gather here in Jesus’ name;
2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
3 We’ll gather soon where angels sing;

(D) (Asus) (Csus)

his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
we’ll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;

(A7) C7 (D) (A) (D)

for through the loving Son the Father makes us one;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:

(G) Bb (D) F (Em) Gm C (A) (D) F

come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

(A7) C7 (D) (G) (A7) (D)

Bb C7 F

(1) No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.
(2) We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.

Find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.
Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

The center of this text recalls Christ’s post-Resurrection meal at Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35), a reminder that the Risen Christ is in our midst when two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20) and share a foretaste of the Heavenly Feast (Matthew 26:29/Luke 22:18/Mark 14:25).
JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE (vs. 1, 2, 3)

Refrain  Capo 3:  (D)  (A7)  
F          C7

Jesus, Jesus, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

(D)   (Bm)   (Em)   (A)
F  Dm  Gm  C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.
2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race; neighbors are near us and far away.
3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the neighbors to us and you. Love; all these are neighbors to us and you.
4 Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

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