



Faith

Community Church

November 14, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GOD'S GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Our worship is in the name of the Father,

The one eternal God in whom we live and move and have our being,

And of the Son,

Our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom the love of God is made manifest among us,

And of the Holy Spirit,

The Counselor by whom we become the people of God and the church of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*OPENING SONGS - "Glorify Thy Name"

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth,
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth,
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth,
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
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Psalm 150 (Responsive)

Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary;
Praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
Praise him for his surpassing greatness.

**Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
With the harp and lyre,
With timbrel and dancing,
With the strings and pipe,
With the clash of cymbals,
With resounding cymbals.**

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord.

"For The Music Of Creation"

For the music of creation,
For the song your Spirit sings,
For your sound's divine expression,
Burst of joy in living things:
God, our God, the world's composer,
Hear us, echoes of your voice --
Music is your art, your glory,
Let the human heart rejoice!

Psalms and symphonies exalt you,
Drum and trumpet, string and reed,
Simple melodies acclaim you,
Tunes that rise from deepest need,
Hymns of longing and belonging,
Carols from a cheerful throat,
Lilt of lullaby and love song
Catching heaven in a note.

All the voices of the ages
In transcendent chorus meet,
Worship lifting up the senses,
Hands that praise, and dancing feet;
Over discord and division
Music speaks your joy and peace,
Harmony of earth and heaven,
Song of God that cannot cease.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.

Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.

Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.

Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***DECLARATION OF FAITH- Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 46**

120. Q. Why did Christ command us to call God "our Father"?

A. To awaken in us at the very beginning of our prayer what should be basic to our prayer— a childlike reverence and trust that through Christ God has become our Father, and that just as our parents do not refuse us the things of this life, even less will God our Father refuse to give us what we ask in faith.

121. Q. Why the words "in heaven"?

A. These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty as something earthly, and to expect everything needed for body and soul from God's almighty power.

***SONG OF PREPARATION- "Give Us Clean Hands"**

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees
Oh, Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh, Lord we cast down our idols
Give us clean hands
Give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
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Give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another

Oh, God let us be
A generation that seeks,
That seeks Your face, O God of Jacob
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SCRIPTURE- John 15: 1-17

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

SERMON – "Vine and Branches"

SONG OF RESPONSE- "Take Time To Be Holy"

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY- "We Will Glorify"**

We will glorify the King of kings
We will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords
Who is the great I am

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty
We will bow before His throne
We will worship Him in righteousness
We will worship Him alone

He is Lord of Heaven, Lord of Earth
He is Lord of all who live
He is Lord above the universe
All praise to Him we give