

***Hymn 718**

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

***The Charge** (responsive)

Luke 5:35-38

Love your enemies, do good, and lend expecting nothing in return.
You will be children of the Most High.

**Do not judge, and you will not be judged;
do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.**

Forgive, and you will be forgiven;
give, and it will be given to you.

And the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

***Choral Benediction**

“The Peace of the Earth”

Guatemalan/Bell

*The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too,
the peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you. God's peace growing in you.*

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

Emily Sprague, piper

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

A hearing loop is active; set hearing aid to “T-coil.”

Scripture passages are read from the NRSV.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

February 17, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471)

“Love flies, runs, leaps for joy; it is free and unrestrained. Love gives all for all, resting in One who is highest above all things, from whom every good flows and proceeds. Love does not regard the gifts, but turns to the Giver of all good gifts. Love knows no limits, but ardently transcends all bounds. Love feels no burden, takes no account of toil, attempts things beyond its strength; love sees nothing as impossible, for it feels able to achieve all things. Love therefore does great things; it is strange and effective; while the one who lacks love faints and fails.”

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Prelude

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

arr. Ferguson

***Call to Worship**

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

**They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.**

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;

**in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.**

***Hymn 624**

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call us to reorder our lives
by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ.
Yet we still pass by ones whom you never fail to notice:
people who are poor and hungry; people who weep.
We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded.
Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent,
even complicit with injustice and prejudice.
Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel.
We pray for our sake, and for the sake of your world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 551 (unison) "Lord, Have Mercy"

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response 582** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Reading from the Psalter Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Hymn 172 "Blest Are They"

First Gospel Reading Luke 6:17-26

Choral Anthem "How Blest Are They" Bass

Second Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Sermon "What They Do and Who They Are" Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "Heaven Shall Not Wait" Bell

***Doxology 607**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore, amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Affirmation of Faith** The Confession of 1967 (9.15)
God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom,
and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing
power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.
The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator
who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.