

January 24th, 2021

Worship Link: https://youtu.be/lipV_qNd9E

PRELUDE: *Tune: Skye Boat Song (Bagpiper: Chris Leibold)*

OPENING HYMN

Love is the welcome

Iona Songbook K. Galloway

- ♪ Love is the welcome that comes from the heart and opens its door to the stranger, which makes of its house a resting place for all, for the sake of the babe in the manger.
- ♪ Love is the struggle for justice and peace that the cause of the weak may inherit, and the wretched of the earth see a new day brought to birth in the strength of the gentle in spirit.
- ♪ Love is the life that responds to a call and chooses its truth as its treasure, and walks with the one who says: "Come and follow me, for to show you the way is my pleasure!"

OPENING WORDS:

CHILDREN'S TIME: *Tune: A Man's a man*

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1, 2, 3 selected; John 12:20-24, Psalm 23

Readers: Jessie Logan; Eleanor Mairs; Pat & Iain McNicol; Ann Thomson; Elspeth & Doug Orr

This is the word of the Lord! Thanks be to God.
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PRAYER: #11 *The Lord's my Shepherd (vs 1,2,5)*

1650 Scottish Psalter

Let us pray:

- ♪ *The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie in pastures green,
he leadeth me
the quiet waters by*

Loving God,

- ♪ *My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.*

Excerpts from the prayer offered at his inauguration Wednesday by Joe Biden's friend and pastor Father Leo O'Donovan: Let us pray.....

Gracious and merciful God, at this sacred time we come before you in need - indeed on our knees. But we come still more with hope. We are people of many races, creeds and colors, national backgrounds, cultures and styles - Today, we confess our past failures to live according to our vision of equality, inclusion and freedom for all. Yet we resolutely commit still now to renewing the vision, to caring for one other in word and deed, especially the least fortunate among us, and so becoming light for the world. There is a power in each and every one of us that lives by turning to every other one of us, a thrust of the spirit to cherish and care and stand by others, and above all those most in need. It is called love, and its path is to give ever more of itself. Pope Francis has reminded us "how important it is to dream together... By ourselves," he wrote "we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams, on the other hand, are built together." Be with us, Holy Mystery of Love, as we dream together, to reconcile the people. With the peace and justice and the joy that is the overflow of love. To the glory of your name forever. Amen.

♪ *Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me
and in God's house for evermore,
my dwelling place shall be*

SERMON: *Wearing the tartan of Christ*

CLOSING HYMN: #670 *Amazing grace*

by John Newton Tune: Scottish trad.

- ♪ *Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost by now am found, was blind, but now I see.*
- ♪ *Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.*
- ♪ *When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

BENEDICTION, & SCOTTISH BLESSINGS:

POSTLUDE *Tune: Scotland the Brave*