

Virtual Worship for April 25, 2021

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

Day by day, God leads us:
**to the deep, deep pools of peace,
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

Day by day, Jesus calls us:
**to pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:
**the community we could be,
the family we are called to become.**

(written by Thom Shuman on Lectionary Liturgies)

PRELUDE – Michael Parker, piano

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Kate Guthrie

God of healing,
God of wholeness,
we bring our brokenness,
our sinfulness,
our fears
and despair,
and lay them at your feet.

God of healing,
God of wholeness,
we hold out hearts and hands,
minds and souls
to feel your touch,
and know the peace
that only you can bring.

God of healing,
God of wholeness,
this precious moment
in your presence and power
grant us faith and confidence
that here broken lives
are made whole.

(faithandworship.com)

HYMN – Holy, Holy, Holy, Hymn 595 (sung 3 times through)
Starmount Ensemble

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

SCRIPTURE READING – 1 John 3: 16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

SERMON – *More Than Words*
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM – *Many Gifts, One Spirit*, Allen Pote
Starmount Ensemble

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.
Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.
O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.
In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.
O God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways,
We are walking to your throne.

Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand.
We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.
O God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways,
We are walking to your throne.

Take our different ways of working, blend the colors of each soul
Into the beauty of a rainbow, give us life, Lord, make us whole.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION
Rev. Dr. Kate Guthrie