

# Bulletin for Worship

## Confirmation Sunday

### May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

#### **Call to Worship**

*Eli*

We come together to support one another in what we believe and to affirm who we are:  
We are created by God. All human ability – and disability – is part of God’s plan.  
We affirm God’s covenant. He forgives us and never gives up on us.  
We believe that sometimes it is hard to believe. But that God loves us anyway.  
We have come together to worship God because God believes in us.

**Let us worship God together.**

#### **Song “We Believe”**

In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
We believe we believe  
In this broken generation  
When all is dark You help us see  
There is only one salvation  
We believe we believe

*(Chorus)*

We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back again  
We believe *(repeat chorus)*

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#### **Prayer of Adoration**

*Sydney*

Holy and Loving God, we come together this day to celebrate Your love for us all. We are blessed and joyful that You have brought us to this time and this place. We are grateful that

we are all Your children, and that You love each of us individually. Let this time be to the praise of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Violin Solo: "Here I Am Lord"      Jaeda**

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**Prayer of Confession                      Carson**

Great God of All of Us, we are not perfect. But You love us as we are. We haven't finished figuring a lot of things out. But You promise to guide us. You are revealed to us in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So we believe that we should accept each other's differences and unique personalities. We believe that we often need help and trust You to guide us.

Jesus our Lord, help us as we find our way. Teach us with your words and actions, so that we may do the things that will make a difference in the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

*Take a few moments for your own silent confession*

**Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness      Eli**

There is nothing to fear. Be joyful and confident. God's love is with everyone today, tomorrow, and forever. Instead accept God's forgiveness and try again. Work to be the person God created you to be with all of your unique gifts and abilities.

**Through God's love and forgiveness, we have been forgiven.**

**Vocal Solo: "Father I Adore You" Liam**

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*Terrye Coelho*

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*Permission granted by Guitarist Stephen Nasby - YouTube video of Father I Adore You <https://youtu.be/AvU0fqalkbl>  
via email April 2, 2021*

**Scripture Readings:                      1 John 4:7-21                      Elise**

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**Duet: "The Prayer" Mark and Jessica Lefeber (Uncle and Aunt of Elise)**

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John 15:1-8 *Jaeda*

<sup>1</sup> 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

**Confirmand's Video**

**Message:** "Those Who Know God"  
**Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Liam and Joanne*

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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Sending Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #288 "Spirit of the Living God"**

Spirit of the Living God

Fall fresh on me

Spirit of the Living God

Fall fresh on me

Melt me mold me

Fill me use me

Spirit of the Living God

Fall fresh on me

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**Benediction**