

# Order of worship

September 13, 2020

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## **Prelude**

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Call to worship**

L: Who are we?

*P: Scripture tells us we are the children of God.*

L: Who do we follow?

*P: Scripture shows us the path of the Christ.*

L: How are we to live in these days?

*P: Scripture guides us towards that which is life-giving and hope-full.*

*ALL: This day we worship God and seek the wisdom of the Holy.*

## **Opening Song**

### **Call to Confession**

Not Following Directions

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Who is in a position to condemn another? Christ alone. And Christ came not to punish the world, rather to redeem it. Know that while all have fallen short, Grace is amazing. We are a forgiven people called to a better way of life.

### **Anthem**

“For the Beauty off the Earth”, arr. by John Rutter

### **Scripture Lesson** (Gospel of Luke 24:36-49) Jesus Appears to His Disciples

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”<sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.<sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

## Message

### Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer\*

Almighty God, you alone are Lord of conscience. In life and death, we belong to you. Ultimately, we are accountable only to you. Trusting in your mercy, confident as your children, we come to you eager to be in your presence and receive your wisdom. When uncertainty swirls all around us, we rest in your peace. When the world feels threatening, we find solace in your compassion. When we are overwhelmed by the needs of the world, we remember your power to heal and bring wholeness in ways we could never imagine. When we fear we are alone, you promise never to abandon us. When we yearn to unburden our hearts, you assure us that you hear our sighs too deep for words.

Merciful God, there is much on our minds this day: people still recovering from hurricanes and fires, communities reeling from racial injustice, families grieving the death of loved ones, students, parents and teachers attempting to navigate a school year like no other. In all these places and with all your people, bring relief and offer encouragement. We suffer with those suffering from hunger, illness and loneliness. We rejoice with those who rejoice at the birth of a baby or the beginning of a marriage. We give thanks for the care we receive from friends and the kindness shown to us by strangers. Make of us, we pray, reflections of your goodness and grace to those most in need of your mercy.

Loving God, we seek only to be faithful in this season, as in all seasons. Do not let us forget that you equip us to do your will. You surround us with others with whom to do the work you call us to do. You send your Spirit to give us the words, show us the way and empower us to keep going when we are tempted to turn away from you. We hold fast to your promises in order that others might come to experience your love through us.

Gracious God, we are bold to pray for those closest to us and even for ourselves. As we wrestle with “what if?” and “what now?” we ask for a sure sense of your providence even when we cannot yet perceive it. Grant us the wisdom to know the next thing we must do in order to follow you. Give us the courage to do that next thing with our whole heart and the faith to do it with joy. We make our prayer in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who taught us to say when we pray,

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.

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**Closing Hymn #327**

“O Word of God Incarnate”

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Trumpet Tune in D Major” By David N. Johnson

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### Virtual Worship Opportunities

**Sundays, 10 am**  
*FB Livestream Sunday Service*

**Wednesdays, 7 pm**  
*In-person and FB Livestream  
Prayer Service*

**Wednesdays, 8 pm**  
*Devotional/Prayer Time  
via ZOOM\**

### **Office Hours**

Starting this week, formal office hours will be Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10-2. Immediate concerns on other days can be emailed to Courtney Maltman at [office@victorpres.org](mailto:office@victorpres.org). The office email is checked regularly and we will get back to you asap.

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## Reopening Plans

Starting this Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm we will be opening the sanctuary to in-person attendance for our mid-week devotional service. This service is shorter in duration, does not include our full music staff, and provides a good format for us to establish and practice our safety protocols. **Details about our safety plan, registration, and participant expectations were sent via email this week.** This will be limited, so register early for your space. Email the office if you have any questions.

## Worship Support Team

We are creating a COVID Worship Support Team to enable our return to in-person services in our sanctuary.

We still need lots of help to make this possible and share the work which includes:

- \* Publishing the rules that will keep us safe in accordance with NYS and the CDC.
- \* Training our team.
- \* Preparing our sanctuary and building.
- \* Managing regular cleaning in coordination with our custodian.
- \* Managing pre-registration and on-site registrations.
- \* Serve as ushers on a regular shared schedule.

**We need your help!** Please contact the church office, David Henderson or Megan Antonitto to volunteer.

## Prayer requests

During Sunday worship and Wednesday evening prayer time on FB livestream, Pastor Colin invites you to share your prayer requests. If you would like to keep your prayer requests private or anonymous and not on this public forum, please message Pastor Colin directly at [pastor@victorpres.org](mailto:pastor@victorpres.org) or call 585-734-7007.

