ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, April 19, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE
What a Beautiful Name It Is
Fielding/Ligertwood

CALL TO WORSHIP
Though darkness seems to envelop us,
Jesus breaks through with a word of peace.
Fears are banished!
Hope is more than restored.
Rejoice! The Lord is with us!
We rejoice in the peace and blessings he brings! Amen.

HYMN NO. 89, vv. 1, 3, 4
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
HYMN TO JOY

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MOMENT
Jesus, Loves Me

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Let us pray. Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed and do what you have commanded. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
Psalm 8

EPISTLE LESSON
1 John 1:1-4

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Apostles’ Creed
UMH 881
Let us affirm our faith. I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.
MORNING PRAYER 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND DOXOLOGY NO. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON
John 3:16; 10:10; 19:41-42; 20:1, 11-16, 18

SERMON
“For God So Loved . . .”
Rev. Dr. Jerry Roe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

SONG OF PRAISE/HYMN
Forever/Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Tomlin/FAITHFULNESS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun
Arr. Ron Boud

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What does John 3:16 mean to you? What does the context of the passage tell you about God? Jesus? How about Nicodemus?

2. How does John 3:16 and the Resurrection of Jesus compare?

3. What does Jesus mean in John 10:10? How is your life more abundant because of Jesus?

4. When does "eternal life" begin according to Jesus?

5. How do you respond to "abundant life" and John 3:16 in relation to yourself, members of your family, friends and those that you work with?

6. Have you spoken to someone who doesn't believe about John 3:16?