May 2, 2021 Sermon Series: Dear Church, Love. Sermon Title: Real Love for Real Life

Thoughts for the Day

The word became flesh and lived among us.' Take that away, and true Christian faith crashes to the ground. ~ N.T. Wright

The gospel of Jesus Christ has interpersonal and social ethics deeply etched within its essence because of Jesus Christ who was Word and work inseparably united. This is why the Christian gospel is a better hope for the world, because it does not take the world lightly. \sim Earl Palmer

The glory of God is a human being fully alive; and to be alive consists in beholding God. ~ St. Irenaeus of Lyon

COMING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Laura Huckin

Song of Gathering (10am only)

Drenched in Love

Chorus:

Oh precious is the flow that makes me white as snow No other fount I know, I am washed, I am washed I am drenched in love

All souls atoned by the blood of the Lamb I'm not a slave to what once held me damned How beautiful that cleansing flood I am washed I am washed I am drenched in love

> Chorus Oh oh oh (x2)

All filth made clean in that crimson sea I'm not ashamed of what once shackled me How infinite that grace divine I am free I am free I am a child of God

> Chorus Oh oh oh (x2)

How priceless, how precious There is power in the blood of Jesus (x4)

I was buried deep with Christ my Lord Now I'm raised to life forevermore My name's been carved upon Your heart No not death no not hell could ever rip us apart

Chorus

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Ben Pascal

Hymn of Praise (8am only)

Morning Has Broken (Hymn 469)

Morning has broken like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, Like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning Born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

Song of Praise (10am only)

King of My Heart

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run The fountain I drink from, oh He is my song Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide The ransom for my life, oh He is my song

Chorus: You are good good oh, You are good good oh You are good good oh, You are good good oh

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails The anchor in the waves, oh He is my song Let the King of my heart, be the fire inside my veins The echo of my days, oh He is my song

Chorus

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down (x4)

Chorus

Unison Prayer of Confession

Cindy Dahlin

O God, you who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change.

God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns.

Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

8am: Take My Life (Hymn 391, three verses)

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will, and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine Take my heart, it is Thine own It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne

Take my love, my Lord, I pour, at Thy feet its treasure store Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee, ever only all for Thee

10am: Living Waters

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters Tired and broken, Peace unspoken Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling, find refreshing At the cross of living waters Lay your life down, all the old gone Rise up in these living waters

Chorus:

There's a river that flows with mercy and love Bringing joy to the city of our God There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore Praise the Lord of living waters

> Spirit moving, mercy washing Healing in these living waters Lead your children to the shoreline Life is in these living waters

> > Chorus

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters Love forgiveness, vast and boundless Christ He is our living waters

Chorus There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore Praise the Lord of living waters

Passing the Peace of Christ

(Take a few moments to greet one another)

SHARING LIFE TOGETHER

Time with Children (10am only)

(Children are now dismissed to Sunday School)

News of the Church Family

Giving Generously of our Tithes and Offerings

(Electronic giving instructions at pcjh.org)

8am only – Doxology (Hymn 592)

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.

10am only – Take My Life (Hymn 391, three verses) (see 8am Song of Response above)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson 1 John 3:19 – 4:6 8am: Dylan Wade 10:15am: Deb Kopp

Rev. Ben Pascal

Time for Reflection and Study

Real Love for Real Life

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who have received Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord are welcome to share in the sacrament. Those who are not ready to take communion will receive a blessing from the pastors.

Invitation to the Table

Pastoral 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 sins, as we forgive those who've 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.

Instructions for the Lord's Supper

<u>For those at home</u>: Please prepare beforehand to have bread and juice (or some other fruit of the vine) to share among those in your household.

<u>For those in the sanctuary</u>: When prompted please come forward to receive the bread and cup and take them back to your seat and wait for the pastor to instruct you prior to consuming the bread and cup.

When everyone has a piece of bread and an individual cup in front of them, we will all take the bread and the cup at the same time in-person and over livestream as led by the pastors. Those who are not ready to take communion, for whatever reason, will receive a blessing from the pastors.

Song of Reflection (10am only)

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things we will say together We will feast and weep no more

> We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord our God We are not consumed by the flood Upheld protected gathered up

Chorus

In the dark of night before the dawn My soul be not afraid For the promised morning oh how long Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the faithful one And from the garden to the grave Bind us together bring shalom

Chorus

Sharing in the Lord's Supper

Closing Prayer

BEING SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD

The Benediction Sung

Benediction by Jeff Johnson

May your heart find grace, may your soul know peace May your mind be renewed

May your eyes see the light, may your ears hear the glory Of Jesus Christ in our midst

The Benediction Spoken

Postlude

<u>Musicians</u> Piano and Vocals: Laura Huckin Guitar and Vocals: Karee Miller-Jaeger Guitar and Vocals: Christine Schuller Mandolin: Jerome Young Bass: Ben Pascal