

Worship June 28, 2020
*Celebrating Pride Month: God's
Love and Welcome for All*
(including song lyrics)

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Welcome And Announcements (Dana)

- **Welcome everyone at home and in person —**
 - Second Sunday both outside and online – If at home, everything needed is on screen. If in parking lot, you need liturgy – either through email or on Facebook page. Print out earlier, or use iphone or ipad.
 - Everyone needs bread and wine (or juice) for communion
 - Those at home -- host a watch party and invite your friends.
 - In years past this is Pride Parade Sunday
- **Coming Up–**
 - Thanks for Wednesday night Dash and Dine
 - Remember – the Centro Infantil goes through the end of today – 20% of order from Pop's go to our daycare/preschool partner in Mexico.
 - Later today -- Prayer service led by Pastor Ernest Jones at 2 pm at Lockport town square. Peace march starts at 1:30 at St John's Episcopal Church and marches to the prayer service
- **Next Sunday –**
 - We'll again be worshipping online and here at the building.
 - Fourth of July weekend – get your red, white and blue on.
 - Save the date – Thursday, July 9, Blood drive at COG .

The Cross of Glory Welcome Statement

Leader: Please join me in reciting the Welcome Statement found above the entry doors to our worship space:

ALL: We recognize the importance of worshipping with a diverse group of people of any color, age, creed, ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, addictions, legal record, economic status, station in life, life circumstances, marital/family status, heterosexuals, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender people, their partners and their families.

We welcome all into full participation in the church life, ministry of the congregation, sacraments, and rites of the church. We are all one in

God's eyes, and everyone has a place in the family of God. It is with love and in celebration that we affirm this position.

*"There is no longer Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave nor free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.
Galatians 3:28*

Confession

Leader: Please join me as we confess out loud the brokenness in our lives:

ALL: Forgiving God, we see this welcome statement every time we enter our worship space. We claim that it describes who we are. But we know that it does not reflect how we sometimes live.

**We are sometimes oblivious to those we claim to welcome;
we fail to act when we see people created in your image being hurt or forgotten;
we don't extend your love to people who are different from us.**

ALL: Forgive us for the many times we have failed to love others as you first loved us. Renew us, and lead us, so that we may live more as the people you have called us to be.

Leader: Hear this good news. While we were yet sinners, Christ, through his own death welcomed us and made us alive again. By grace you have been saved. In the name of the risen Christ, your sins are forgiven, and you are called and empowered to be welcoming people of God.

ALL: Amen.

Gathering Song: *I'll Stand by You*, by The Pretenders

**Oh, why you look so sad, the tears are in your eyes,
Come on and come to me now, and don't be ashamed to cry,
Let me see you through, 'cause I've seen the dark side too.**

**When the night falls on you, you don't know what to do,
Nothing you confess could make me love you less,
I'll stand by you,
I'll stand by you, won't let nobody hurt you,
I'll stand by you**

**So if you're mad, get mad, don't hold it all inside,
Come on and talk to me now.
Hey there, what you got to hide?**

I get angry too, well, I'm alive like you.

**When you're standing at the cross roads,
And don't know which path to choose,
Let me come along, 'cause even if you're wrong**

**I'll stand by you,
I'll stand by you,
won't let nobody hurt you,
I'll stand by you.
Baby, even to your darkest hour, and I'll never desert you,
I'll stand by you.**

**And when, when the night falls on you baby,
You're feeling all alone,
you're wandering on your own,**

**I'll stand by you.
I'll stand by you, won't let nobody hurt you,
I'll stand by you, baby even to your darkest hour,
And I'll never desert you,
I'll stand by you,
I'll stand by you.
I'll stand by you, won't let nobody hurt you,
I'll stand by you, baby even to your darkest hour,
And I'll never desert you
I'll stand by you**

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Response Song *You are Loved*, by Stars Go Dim

**We hide pain in the weirdest places
Broken souls with smiling faces
Fighting for surrender
For now and the after yeah
Just look around and you'll see that people
Are scared to say how they really feel oh
We all need a little honesty**

**You are loved
If your heart's in a thousand pieces
If you're lost and you're far from reason
Just look up know you are loved
Just look up know you are loved
When it feels like something's missing
If it hurts but you can't find healing
Just look up know you are loved
Just look up know you are loved**

**We're not made to be superheroes
Photoshopped all size zeroes
A light not expected
But not quite perfected yet
Look up see the sun is shining
There's hope on a new horizon
Calling you it's calling**

**You are loved
If your heart's in a thousand pieces
If you're lost and you're far from reason
Just look up know you are loved
Just look up know you are loved
When it feels like something's missing
If it hurts but you can't find healing
Just look up know you are loved
Just look up know you are loved**

**You don't have to prove yourself
Don't try to be someone else**

**You are loved
If your heart's in a thousand pieces
If you're lost and you're far from reason
Just look up know you are loved
Just look up know you are loved
When it feels like something's missing
If it hurts but you can't find healing
Just look up know you are loved
Just look up know you are loved**

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Prayers of the People

Leader: Please stand for the prayers. I will close each prayer request with the words, "We pray to the Lord" and our response together is:

ALL: "Lord hear our prayer!"

Leader Ending: All these things we pray in Jesus' name.

ALL: Amen.

Introduction to Offering

Even though we cannot be physically present, the work of this church still continues. And financial giving is one way we can all participate in what God is doing here.

Moreover, as people of faith, we know that we have a generous God of abundance. We share what God has entrusted to us, so that everyone can experience God's kingdom. You can respond to God's call by giving electronically through our website, by sending a gift by mail, or you can give now by using your phones and texting **833-523-0429**.

Offering Prayer

Leader: Please stand and join me in our offering prayer:

ALL: Let us give with joy because we have received freely. Let us give generously because so many are in need. Let us give with love so that our wallets do not feel empty, but instead less burdensome. Amen.

Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Song of Praise: *Lamb of God*, by Lori Anderson

Lamb of God, (Lamb of God)
Lamb of God, (Lamb of God)

Lamb of God your cross of glory was the answer to our fall
With outstretched arms you took away the sin of us all

Lamb of God Lamb of God
Your loving grace and endless mercy has
Healed Our broken world.

Lamb of God, (Lamb of God)
Lamb of God, (Lamb of God)
Grant us peace

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Communion Song: *You Say*, by Lauren Daigle

I keep fighting voices in my mind
That say I'm not enough
Ev'ry single lie that tells me
I will never measure up

Am I more than just the sum of
Ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Remind me once again just who I am
Because I need to know oo oh

You say I am loved, when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong, when I think I am weak
You say I am held, when I am falling short
And when I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours
And I believe, oh I believe
What You say of me, I believe

The only thing that matters now
Is ev'rything You think of me

**In You I find my worth
In You I find my identity
You say I am loved, when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong, when I think I am weak
You say I am held, when I am falling short
And when I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours
And I believe, oh I believe
What You say of me, I believe**

**Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet
You'll have ev'ry failure God
You'll have ev'ry victory**

**You say I am loved, when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong, when I think I am weak
You say I am held, when I am falling short
And when I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours
And I believe, oh I believe
What You say of me, I believe**

**Oh I believe, yes I believe
What You say of me, I believe**

Communion Blessing

Let this meal be a reminder of God's triumph -- love over death, hope over fear, and unity over division. Let us all be the message of new life we have experienced today.

ALL: Amen

Blessing

Receive God's blessing as you are sent to partner with God in God's redemptive mission in the world. Go with joy and see others as God sees them – beloved children of God. Live as the church in your neighborhoods and community – serve others as you have been served, love others as God has first loved you. And go with the blessing of the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

Sending Song: *All the People Said Amen*, by Matt Maher

**You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free**

**It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need
And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen**

**If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all**

**And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen**

**Blessed are
the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are
the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are
the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom
the kingdom of God**

**And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
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Sending

Jesus Christ offers you peace that lasts forever. Go with that peace, and share it with everyone you meet this week as you go to love and serve the Lord.

Amen!