



## Virtual Worship

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**Prelude:** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (HYFRYDOL)"*  
arr. Deanna Witkowski  
*"How Firm a Foundation (FOUNDATION)"*  
arr. Deanna Witkowski

**Time of Welcome**

Frank Hancock

**Call to Worship**

Jesus was given to us, not to condemn us, but to save us. He came as a light to show the way and the truth. A mark of a good rabbi, teacher, is that they point the way toward Jesus allowing themselves to become less while the knowledge and glory of Jesus continues to grow in the lives of their disciples. Together let us worship our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Opening Hymn #351 :** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

**Prayer of Confession**

Heavenly and gracious Father, we confess that it is all too easy for us to forget that your son Jesus was sent to save us from our sins. We forget that we cannot save ourselves, and that it is only by your grace, through the saving death of Jesus on the cross, that the memory of our sins is wiped out and we become free to serve only you. We confess that instead of allowing ourselves to become less so that Jesus becomes first in our lives, we have a stubborn tendency to put ourselves first. We continually reap the consequence of this sin. Forgive us Lord and grant us the will to repent and turn back toward you. We ask that you also forgive our personal sins that we now confess to you silently.

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Children's Message**

Frank Hancock

**Hymn:** *"What Grace is This?"* (verse 3)

What Grace is this! Though Lord of all, he yields to Pontius Pilate's law and lets the Roman hammers draw a rush of blood for me. (repeat)

## Scripture Reading: John 3:16-36

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. <sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

<sup>22</sup> After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. <sup>23</sup> Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were coming and being baptized. <sup>24</sup> (This was before John was put in prison.) <sup>25</sup> An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing. <sup>26</sup> They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan—the one you testified about—look, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him."

<sup>27</sup> To this John replied, "A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. <sup>28</sup> You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.' <sup>29</sup> The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. <sup>30</sup> He must become greater; I must become less."

<sup>31</sup> The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all. <sup>32</sup> He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. <sup>33</sup> Whoever has accepted it has certified that God is truthful. <sup>34</sup> For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. <sup>35</sup> The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. <sup>36</sup> Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.

**Sermon** – "Love and Judgment"

Rev. Dan Turis

### **Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**O**ur 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; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

### **\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

**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; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living 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.

**Anthem: "For God So Loved the World"**

Graham Kendrick

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son;  
And all who believe in Him shall not die, but have eternal life;  
No, they shall not die, but have eternal life.*

*And God showed His love for you,  
When He gave His only Son;  
And you, if you trust in Him, Shall not die, but have eternal life;  
No, you shall not die, but have eternal life.*

**Call for the Offering**

Rev. Dan Turis



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**Closing Hymn #604: "To God Be the Glory"**

**Benediction and Charge**

**Postlude: "Holy, Holy, Holy (NICAEA)"**

arr. Deanna Witkowski

*Many thanks to this morning's musicians:*

Deanna Witkowski - *Piano*  
Dwayne Dolphin - *Bass*  
Thomas Wendt - *Percussion*

Jake Lisak - *Timpani*  
Änna Bencivenga - *Alto*  
Ryan Croyle - *Organ*

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

F B<sup>b</sup> C F

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

B<sup>b</sup> C F B<sup>b</sup> C F

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 troub - led breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

B<sup>b</sup> C F Am Dm7 Gm7 C

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

F Dm Gm Csus C F Gm

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee with thy hosts a - bove, pray and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

F C F B<sup>b</sup> Gm F/C C7 F

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love and praise.

To God Be the Glory

G D7 G D G C

1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done; so loved he the  
 2 O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, to ev - ery be -  
 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

G A D G D7 G

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -  
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who  
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

D G C G/D D7 G

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
 great - er will be our won - der, our \*trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*

D D7

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

G D7 G

praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther through

D G C G/D D7 G

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry; great things he has done.