



# First United Methodist Church Lindstrom, MN

## Online Order of Worship

Sunday, October 25, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

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### Prelude

### “Where There is Faith”

CCLI Song # 437809 Billy Simon

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### Welcome, Announcements & Prayer Concerns

### Call to Worship

Pastor Dale: In the name of God the Creator, the Savior, and the Spirit-we come to continue our journey of faith.

**All: We are open and willing. We are looking forward to our journey as God’s promises become real to us.**

Pastor Dale: We are people of a loving God, brought together by love and sent out to show love for the world.

**All: Loving Creator, build in us a sense of community, a desire for commitment, and a love for others. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## Opening Songs

## “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

CCLI Song # 3722136 Charles Wesley | Marty Parks

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Love divine all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown  
Jesus Thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou art  
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart

Breathe O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast  
Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find that second rest  
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be  
End of faith as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive  
Suddenly return and never, nevermore Thy temples leave  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love

Finish then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise

## Scripture Reading

## Matthew 22:34-46

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup> He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’” <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup> “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup> ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”?’ <sup>45</sup> If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

## Sermon

## Song “More Love to Thee O Christ”

CCLI Song # 7048614

Christopher Jones | Elizabeth Payson Prentiss | Ray Jones | Tommy Walker | William Howard Doane

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More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to thee  
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee  
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee  
More love to thee, more love to thee

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest  
Now thee alone I seek, give what is best  
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee  
More love to Thee more love to Thee

Let sorrow do its work, come grief ad pain  
Sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain  
When they can sing with me: More love, O Christ to thee  
More love to thee, more love to thee.

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise  
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise  
This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee  
More love to thee, more love to thee

## Offering

## Prayers & Lord's Prayer

## Blessing & Dismissal

## Closing Song

### **"Help Us Accept Each other"**

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Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us  
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace  
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some  
To love them as we find them, or as they may become

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
In living situations to do the truth in love  
To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart  
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need  
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread  
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on  
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

## Blessing & Dismissal

## Postlude

### **"Pass It On"**

CCLI Song # 14284 Kurt Kaiser

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In-Person worship returns next week!** Please review our Covid-19 Congregation Preparedness Plan found on our website at [lindstrom-methodist.org](http://lindstrom-methodist.org). Service will continue to be live streamed on our Facebook page and uploaded to our website the following Monday for those who choose to worship at home.

**Counters Needed.** If you are looking for a position in the church that doesn't take a lot of time, then a role as an offering counter may be what you are looking for! I need two more people that would be willing to spend 30-45 minutes every 3-4 weeks right after the church service. There are always two people scheduled to count each week. We will train! If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Linda Ploog 612-616-5657.

**C.A.R.E. Team Invitation**—As we continue to consider ways to stay connected as a congregation with Covid-19 strategic mitigation measures still in place, our C.A.R.E. Team would like to hear your ideas, concerns, and suggestions. Please take time to email one of our C.A.R.E. Team members to share your thoughts. Thank you!

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