

WORSHIP SERVICE JULY 12, 2020



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome Pastor Effie to SOV
Please have your bulletin ready

PRELUDE

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

OPENING PRAYER

Thank you, God, for all your blessings of our past, present and future. Even though this time the whole world struggles with new laws and barriers of the loss of connectedness. We remain connected with our heart and soul for the ones we love and the ones we will soon come to know. Even though this time is difficult we do not lose hope because of your existence the reality that is You. We pray today for light amidst the darkness. For an embrace from those we love. For the power that is in the heavens, the cosmos enlightened. The light will shine through. We will make it moment by moment by seeing the good in humanity's nature and the one who is the enlightenment of God, his son Jesus Christ. And all of God's people say, Amen.

Jeremiah S.Rainville

OPENING HYMN

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

VIDEO

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORDS 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.

CELEBRATION OF REV. EFFIE APPOINTMENT

Leader:

Dear friends, today we welcome Rev. Effie, who has been appointed to serve as our pastor. We believe that she is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop.

Rev. Effie, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments; and a sustainer of the love, order, service and discipleship of the people of God.

Pastor:

Today I reaffirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

Leader:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service, will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Rev. Effie in these ministries?

Congregation:

We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Leader:

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger.

Congregation:

Who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

Leader:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together, with Rev. Effie as our pastor. Give her, and us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ, living together in love, and offering our gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader:

At this time we would normally lay our hands on Rev. Effie, let us all instead stretch out our hands as we share this blessing for Rev. Effie.

Congregation: The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to
you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you
peace. Amen.

Pastor:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Congregation:

And also with you.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Dona Nobis Pacem

by Steve Haunschild & Rob Bower

SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 8:1-11. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit[a] of life in Christ Jesus has set you[b] free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

MATTHEW 13:1-9. 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.'

18 "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

THANKS BE TO GOD

MESSAGE

PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Pastor Effie McAvoy

CLOSING HYMN

Together - video

by King & Country

BENEDICTION