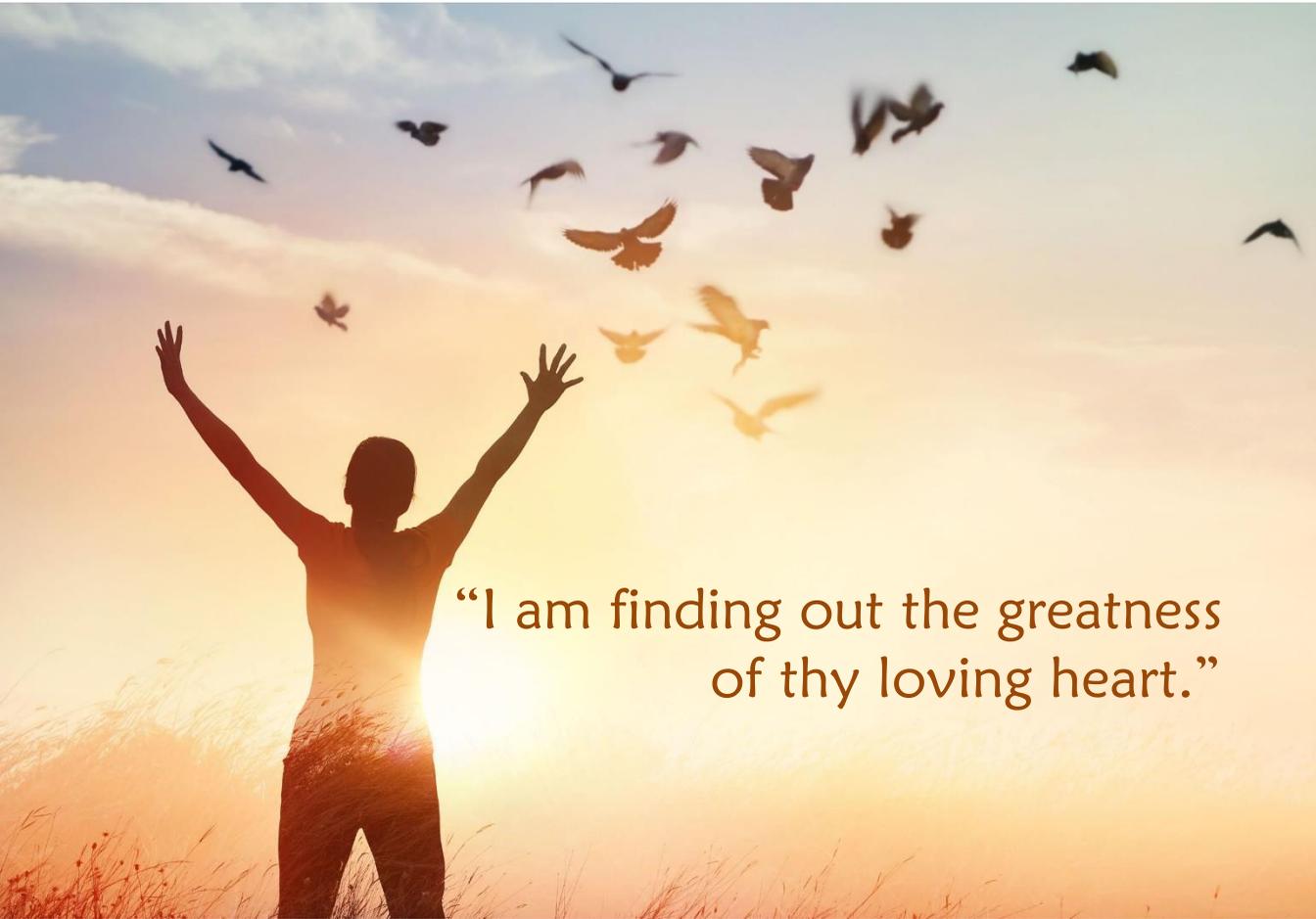


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“I am finding out the greatness
of thy loving heart.”

Celebration of Worship
Sunday, March 29, 2020
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Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Pat Youngdahl

Chime

Introit

Every Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving
"Every day is a day of thanksgiving.
God, you've been so good to me.
Every day you're blessing me.
Every day is a day of thanksgiving.
We will glorify your name today!
You keep blessing me, blessing me.
You opened the door that I might see,
You're blessing me.
You keep blessing me, blessing me.
We will glorify your name today!"

Leonard Burks

*Call to Worship

One: The grace of God is wonderful, delighting the mind;

Many: The presence of God is everywhere, rejoicing the heart;

One: The wisdom of God is trustworthy, reviving the soul;

Many: The love of God is steadfast, enduring forever.

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain: God of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight, [Refrain]

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

* Centering Prayer (unison)

In these spring days, O God, let the light of your love be revealed anew in our lives. Awaken us to your wisdom as it sounds through to us in scriptures and music, in the voices of friends and strangers, and deep in our own souls as we feel the movement of your Spirit. May our hearts be open. May this be a time of blessing for us all. Amen.

Music for Reflection

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting
James Mountain

Jesus, I am resting, resting
in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
of thy loving heart.
Here I gaze and gaze upon thee,
as thy beauty fills my soul,
for by thy transforming power,
thou hast made me whole.

○ how great thy lovingkindness,
vaster, broader than the sea!
○ how marvelous thy goodness
lavished all on me!

Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved,
know what wealth of grace is thine,
know thy certainty of promise
and have made it mine. [Refrain]

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus,
I behold thee as thou art,
and thy love, so pure, so changeless,
satisfies my heart;
satisfies its deepest longings,
meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
compasseth me round with blessings:
thine is love indeed.

Text: Jean Sophia Pigott

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Charles C. Converse

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
○ what peace we often forfeit,
○ what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven

Second Reading

John 12:1-8

Meditation

Rev. Youngdahl

Music for Reflection

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

F.L. Eiland

Time is filled with swift transition, naught of earth unmoved can stand,
build your hopes on things eternal, hold to God's unchanging hand.

Refrain: Hold to Her/His hand, God's unchanging hand;
build your hopes on things eternal, hold to God's unchanging hand.

Trust in Him who will not leave you, whatsoever years may bring,
if by earthly friends forsaken still more closely to Him cling. [Refrain]

Covet not this world's vain riches that so rapidly decay,
seek to gain the heav'nly treasures, they will never pass away. [Refrain]

When your journey is completed, when to God you have been true,
fair and bright the home in glory your enraptured soul will view. [Refrain]

Text: Jennie Wilson

Prayers of Healing and Transformation

Prayer of Jesus

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit 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. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Spirit, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Benediction

Postlude

Arias I and II from Partita in G Major

G.P. Telemann

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