



SUNDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE

July 26, 2020

10:30 a.m.

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OPENING MUSIC **"Beautiful City"** from "Godspell" by Stephen Schwartz Laura Camara

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Charles Yoost & Michael Shirtz

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Led by John Ranieri

Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones! Let us give thanks to God's holy name!

God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

God turned our mourning into dancing; God has taken off the sackcloth of grief and clothed us with joy.

Let us praise God from our soul and not be silent.

O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

***OPENING HYMN** **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"** (UMH #384)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n 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 ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in Thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be,
end of faith, as its Beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

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,
'til in Heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Led by Mr. Ranieri

Lord, this life is full of contradiction, in that my life is characterized by both love and hatred, strengths and weaknesses, light and darkness, sorrow and joy, humiliation and encouragement, truth and falsehood, direction and chaos, self and others, life and death. All these things are weighing so heavily on me. Yet You, God almighty, who knows all these things, have decided that You will use me in Your world and for Your purposes. Help me then, to see myself, to see others, and to see this life with Your eyes.

(A time of silence for personal confession to God.)

We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Mr. Ranieri

Friends, hear the Good News: the Scripture says that the Lord will fulfill a godly purpose for us. God's steadfast love endures forever! In Christ, we have been restored. In Christ, our purpose has been revealed. In Christ, we are renewed as God's faithful people.

Thanks be to God!

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Dr. Yoost

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Yoost

OFFERTORY

"Lord's Prayer/My Love"

from "Duke Ellington's Sacred Mass" by Duke Ellington
Ms. Camara

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LESSON FROM SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 12:31 – 13:8

Mr. Ranieri

THE SERMON

"What Does Love Look Like?"

Father Michael A. Renninger

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Lord, Whose Love Is Humble Service" (UMH #581)

Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,

offered mercy's perfect deed.
We, Your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to Your purpose
every gift that You impart.

As we worship grant us vision,
till Your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear;
stirring us to tireless striving
Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to Your service,
forth in Your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill, and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that Your servants, Lord, in freedom
may Your mercy know and live.

THE BENEDICTION

Dr. Yoost

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen!" (FSW #2072)

THE POSTLUDE

TODAY'S CELEBRANTS

PREACHER OF THE WEEK

Father Michael A. Renninger

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Saint Mary Catholic Church, Richmond, Virginia

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