

Welcome to Worship

November 10th, 2024

Prelude

Solace: A Mexican Serenade ~ Scott Joplin

Gathering Hymn

I Was Glad ~ W&P 68

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

As the children of Israel enter the promised land, Moses instructs them to love the Lord and to teach God's law to future generations. Verses 4-5 are called the Shema (Hebrew for "hear"), which is still used in Jewish daily prayer and which forms the basis for the "greatest commandment" in today's gospel reading.

Psalm

Your Words Are Wonderful (Psalm 119)

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

When a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is first of all, Jesus answers that love of God and love of neighbor are interconnected and define the heart of the kingdom of God.

One of the scribes came near and heard [Jesus and the Sadducees] disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have

truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Hymn of the Day

Spirit, Open My Heart ~ ACS 1043

Musical Offering

*This Is Amazing Grace ~ Riddle/Farro/Wickham
(Grace Notes)*

Offertory Hymn

Feed Us with Hunger for Justice ~ ACS 968 (3x)

Communion Hymn

Shout to the Lord ~ Darlene Zschech

Sending Hymn

Love The Lord ~ Lincoln Brewster

Postlude

Graceful Ghost Rag ~ William Bolcom

Flowers are in celebration of Vicki Easson's Birthday