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Virtual Worship***

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GREETING and WELCOME

PRELUDE *“If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee”* German Chorale arr. John Andrews

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 116)

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

Let us worship God!

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN 145 *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”* (vs 1 & 4)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

SONG DURING CONFESSION *“Lord Have Mercy upon Us”*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.

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ASSURANCE of PARDON

Friends, hear the good news! If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:9-21

SERMON *“Live in Harmony with One Another”*

Series: “Think Like a Deacon”

The Rev. Dr. Hilary Livingston

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING STATEMENT

PRAYERS for the PEOPLE and THE LORD’S 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

HYMN 375 *“Shall We Gather at the River”* (vs 1 & 4)

CHARGE and BENEDICTION

PASSING of the PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

Go in peace.

POSTLUDE *“To God be the Glory”* arr. Edward Broughton



Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

