



Service of the Lord's Day
Sunday, January 24, 2021

God's People Gather

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord!"

(Psalm 122:1)

With glad hearts, we welcome you to worship among this community of believers! The decorated tubes in the pews are guides to assist us in caring for one another by maintaining safe distances. You may move the tubes in either direction in the pew to accommodate your "household."

We invite you to hum the hymns or meditate on the words as the Sanctuary Singers sing on our behalf.

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation

Eternal God, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, to lead us into all truth, and to strengthen us in following Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prelude Abide With Me – arr. Turner

***Call to Worship**

L: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

P: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

L: God has shown us what is good. What does the Lord require of us?

P: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. (based on Micah 6)

***Hymn How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. (silent confession) God, in your mercy, forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news: the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven: thanks be to God!

L: Jesus says "Come, follow me."

***Response**

From all that dwells below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung,

In every land in every tongue! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

God's Word is Heard

Time With Children

Anthem Only Through God – Tim Allen, piano

Scripture Readings Psalm 62
Mark 1:14-20

Sermon Rev. Kerry Pidcock-Lester

God's People Respond

***Affirmation of Faith**

L: We are not alone.

**P: We believe and trust in God who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus –the Word made flesh – to reconcile and make new,
and who works in us and others by the power of the Spirit.
We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect for creation, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Giving Our Gifts**

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives, they are yours,
we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we give
to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you,
we are an offering.

Prayers of the People

...The Lord be with you.

And also with you...

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

God's Sends Us Out

***Hymn Come! Live in the Light!**

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called

to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom
of the city of God.

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called
to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence
will be no more. (Refrain)

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign,
and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers
united in love. (Refrain)

***Blessing**

***Postlude** Savior, Like a Shepherd Led Us with Arioso -- J.S.Bach arr. Bradbury/McKee

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Please leave the sanctuary by the side aisles and both doors; the deacons will guide you.

Our sanctuary singers and instrumentalists this morning are Bruce Achuff, Tim Allen, John Genter, Gayle Hall, and Sarah Pinard. Thank you!