



Service of the Lord's Day
Sunday, February 28, 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

O Faithful One, God of Abraham and Sarah, as you came to them and spoke your promise, come again and speak to us of your grace and blessing, that we might live out our covenant with you, Amen.

Prelude Just As I Am Bradbury/arr. Stevens

Janet Marquardt, Violin

***Call to Worship**

**L: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;
approach our God, who is full of mercy.**

**P: We will praise God with all our heart
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

L: Bless the Lord, o my soul!

P: Bless the Lord, who leads us into life!

***Hymn Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy**

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.

In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

Prayer of Confession

In this season of Lent, we hear the stories of how God has formed us out of dust and ash and holy promises into God's own people. But time and again our commitment crumbles, and we are scattered by sin. Beloved, let us return to God, confessing what tears us apart so that God can put us back together. *(silent confession)* God, we confess: **we have sinned. We have turned away from you, away from one another, into ourselves. We have allowed our love of you to be supplanted by the fear of other things: change, death, suffering, weakness, want. Our fear has fragmented the bond of our common humanity, so we do not love one another as you first loved us. Help us. Promise us that even this brokenness can be made well. Amen.**

(barngese.com, adapted)

Declaration of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news!

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

L: Jesus says "Come, follow me."

*Response

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

God's Word is Heard

Time With Children

Anthem Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Lemmel/arr. Stevens Janet Marquardt, Violin

Scripture Readings Genesis 17:1-10, 17-23, Mark 8:31-38

Sermon Rev. Kerry Pidcock-Lester

God's People Respond

*Affirmation of Faith

Lord, You have always given bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given strength for the coming day;
and though I am weak, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart, today I believe.

Lord, You have always kept me safe in trials;
and now, tried as I am, today I believe.

Lord, You have always marked the road for the coming day;
and though it may be hidden, today I believe.

Lord, You have always lightened this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here, today I believe.

Lord, You have always spoken when time was ripe;
and though you be silent now, today I believe. (Northumbria Community)

*Giving Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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 Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

***Blessing**

***Postlude Fugue in C** Scarlatti

**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, John Genther, Rob Land, Janet Marquardt (Violin), and Rob Wade. Thank you!