

Worship Bulletin
Sunday, February 21, 2021

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

Rebecca Ketchie

PRELUDE

“Lead Me to Calvary”

Dan Forrest

CALL TO WORSHIP

from James 1

Family, whenever we face trials of any kind, let us consider it nothing but joy, because we know that the testing of our faith produces endurance.

Let endurance have its full effect, so that we may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

In fulfillment of his own purpose, he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Upward, where Christ sits on the right hand of God the Father, let our thoughts and minds and hearts be at this hour.

Our thoughts, minds, and hearts are with the Lord God. Let us give thanks and worship in awe.

HYMN 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Verses 1, 2, & 4

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

*Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving we whom thee adore.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we are an impatient people who do not seek joy in our trials and tribulations, but are quick to anger and frustration. We forget to seek your wisdom and we try to solve our problems on our own. We boast and lift ourselves up rather than being humble and lifting others. We are tempted by our own desires and too easily give in to sin and deception. We are quick to speak and slow to listen and are too often hearers, but not doers of your word.

Have mercy, Lord. Guide us to turn to you for wisdom, boasting only in our great love and forgiveness. Guide us to give to all generously and ungrudgingly, as you have given to us. Guide us to forgive others as you have already forgiven us.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Family, in His abundant mercy, God has made us worthy of the remission of trespasses and the forgiveness of sins. Let us cry out and give thanks to the Lord.

We give thanks to the Lord, for he is good and his steadfast love endures forever.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rachel Lawson

ANTHEM

“Praise The Lord”

Prichard / Kirk

Vocalists: Rachel Lawson, Shelley Porter, Rebecca Ketchie, Noah McMillan

*Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore Him; Praise Him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him, Praise Him, all ye stars of light,
Praise, the Lord! for He hath spoken; Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken For their guidance hath He made.*

*Praise the Lord! for He is glorious; Never shall his promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious; Sin and death shall not prevail,
Praise the God of our salvation, Host on high, His power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation, Laud and magnify his name.*

SCRIPTURES

James 1

SERMON

“Living”

Rev. Collin Adams

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Questions 1 & 2

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bree Fox

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive all of our offerings to you this week. Use them for your purposes in the church and throughout creation. Let our lives be an offering to you. We pray in Jesus Christ.

AMEN

HYMN 175

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Allelu, alleluia!

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.*

Allelu, Alleluia!

*You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.*

Allelu, Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Paul Manz