Worship Bulletin Sunday, February 28, 2021

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

Bree Fox

PRELUDE

"I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone"

Johann Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP

from James 2

Family, we gather today in body and in spirit to praise and worship Almighty God: Father, Son and Spirit.

We welcome everyone to join us in worship – those with gold rings and fine clothes and those who are poor with dirty clothes. He has chosen us all to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him.

Not only rich in faith, but also rich in doing the good works here and now in the world around us that will bring His kingdom to life for our neighbors.

We experience joy from both faith and good works. We give thanks and praise to the God who guides us in faith and good works and gives us that joy. Glory to God in the highest. Let us now worship in awe.

HYMN 317

"In Christ There is No East Or West" Verses 1, 2, 4

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we are judgmental people. Rather than loving our neighbors, we dishonor those who are different from us. We show partiality and we judge and condemn others with disdain and contempt. We exclude them from our company rather than invite them to our community. We boast in our faith, yet we fail to reach out to those who need not only faith, but food, clothing, housing, compassion, and love. We study and preach your word, but we too often fail to do what it says to do.

Have mercy, Lord. Guide us to accept and love ALL of our neighbors. Even our enemies. You have promised your Kingdom to those who love you, because you loved us first. Guide us, through faith and good works, to love others first so that they may come to love you.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Family, through the prophet Jeremiah, God said "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

We give thanks to the Lord for, through His mercy, we are a forgiven people.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Collin Adams

ANTHEM

"His Eye Is On The Sparrow" *Vocal Solo, Meredith Brown*

Martin / Hayes

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come, Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home, When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear, And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

SCRIPTURES James 2

SERMON "Do" Rev. Collin Adams

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Question 86

Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

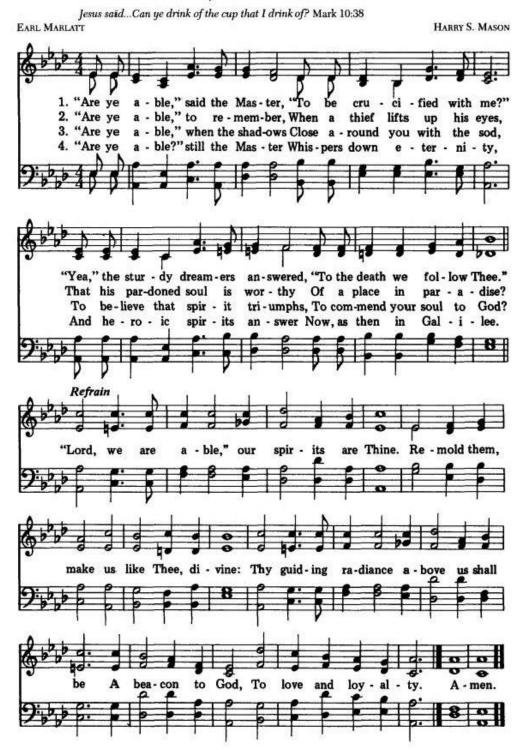
MINUTE FOR MISSION

Karen Carman

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, we thank you for the saving love of your Son and the life that it calls us to. As we dedicate our lives to you, bless our gifts and offerings so that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love, and a testament to your enduring promise. In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. AMEN

507 "Are Ye Able," Said the Master



BENEDICTION