

Worship Bulletin
Sunday, March 7, 2021

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

Martha Triplett

PRELUDE

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Daniel E. Gawthrop

CALL TO WORSHIP

from James 3

We gather today, using our tongues to lift praises to Almighty God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Let us lift our voices and praise Him with joy and thanksgiving.

Let us seek God’s wisdom as we worship and proclaim His holy Word.

*Let our voices fill the heavens so He hears us rejoicing and
celebrating His holy name and His gifts of mercy, wisdom,
and love.*

HYMN 213

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Verses 1, 3, 5

*In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o’er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*

*When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.*

*In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o’er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we all stumble in so many ways. With our tongues, we praise you one minute, then turn around the next and curse and condemn our neighbors, who are made in your image. We harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in our hearts and let them infect our whole bodies. Then we deny our wickedness.

Have mercy, Lord. Guide us to show and sow love by a good life filled with deeds done in the humility that comes from Your wisdom. Help us to be pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, free from partiality and hypocrisy. Let us be peacemakers who sow in peace and reap in love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, God raises us to new life. We are forgiven. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Trinity Gibson

ANTHEM "Come, Ye Sinners" Joseph Hart, arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
Vocalists: Noah McMillan, Spencer Snook, Tim Nolen, Sam Martin

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

*Come ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance, every grace that draws you nigh*

*Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.*

*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.*

SCRIPTURE

James 3

SERMON

"Slow Down"

Rev. Collin Adams

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Questions 31 and 32

Why is Jesus called 'Christ,' meaning 'anointed?'

Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed by the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

But why are you called a Christian?

Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Rachel Lawson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 714

"God of the Fertile Fields"

Verses 1, 2, 4

*God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:
forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned,
that all in every land be clothed and fed.*

*We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give;
help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people everywhere,
that all may live.*

*God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died to make us one:
we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Hymn of Peace"

Caleb Simper