

Worship Bulletin
Sunday, March 21, 2021

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

Trinity Gibson

PRELUDE

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Tom Birchwood

CALL TO WORSHIP

from James 5

Family of God – are any among us cheerful and in good spirits?

*We are cheerful and in good spirits because we are loved by a
merciful and awesome God!*

Then let us lift our voices in praise and in song, with joy and with
thanksgiving.

*We lift our voices in praise and in celebration! Glory to God in
the highest! We worship Him in wonder and in awe!*

HYMN 667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky, from depth to height reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this eternal song through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we come to You ... yet again ... to confess our sins. Sins of selfishness, impatience, condemnation, and judgment of our neighbors, of fear and lack of faith. Of putting our faith in treasures of this world rather than treasures of Your kingdom. We boast in our arrogance rather than humble ourselves before each other and before Your greatness.

Have mercy, O Lord. Heal us from the sickness of sin. Bring us back to You and your Truth and save our souls from death, that we may live with You forever and ever. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Family, the Apostle James assures us that the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

*Through His mercy, the Lord has healed us and delivered us from sin.
We are a forgiven people! Alleluia!*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rachel Lawson

ANTHEM

“Just As I Am, I Come”

Charlotte Elliott, arr. Mary McDonald

*Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.*

*I come and waiting not, rid my soul of blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come.*

*Just as I am, thou will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come.*

*Just As I Am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, and thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.*

*Refrain: Just as I am, I come! O Lamb of God, I come.
Now to be thine and thine alone, just as I am, I come.*

SCRIPTURE

James 5

SERMON

“Stay True”

Rev. Collin Adams

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls us to be reconciled to God and to one another.

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Susan Lodal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thanks and praise to you, O God; by your grace you bring the dead to life. Let us use the breath you have given us to speak your truth, and sing your glory, sharing your Spirit of life and blessing with all whom we encounter. We pray this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 469

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

*Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.*

*Lord, listen to your children singing.
Lord, send your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children singing.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.*

*Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your spirit in this place.
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Send us love; send us power; send us grace.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The Cross of Christ”

Dan R. Edwards