

Sunday, March 7, 2021

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Service

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. John Morris

Prelude

Stella Mowery, Flute; Daniel Sachs, Piano

His Eye Is On the Sparrow Martin, Gabriel

*Call to Worship (Isaiah 40:28-31)

The Rev. John Morris

Leader: Do you not know, have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth.

People: He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

Leader: He gives strength to the weary, and increases the power of the weak.

People: Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

Leader: But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

All: They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary they will walk and not be faint.

*Opening Hymn

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian

In my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving

In my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy

In my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus

In my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Peter Larson

Gracious heavenly Father, you have entrusted us with the task of teaching and training our children to love, know and serve you.

Nothing is more important than transmitting our faith to the next generation. We thank you for grandparents, parents and older

Christians who have been teachers to us. We thank you for their faithful witness, in helping us to know Jesus Christ. Forgive us, Lord, for neglecting this great responsibility. Forgive us, for not investing deeply in the next generation. By your Holy Spirit, help us to be faithful mentors, role models and teachers to our children, students and young adults. By your grace, we pray you would grow them in faith, wisdom and maturity, to serve and lead your church. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

* Response

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above, Ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication

Andrew Klenk 8:30

Marge Cunningham 10:00

Offertory

Hymn of Mercy

Rachel Sachs, Soprano; Rick McNeely, Tenor;

Doug Frank, Baritone, Stella Mowery, Flute;

Daniel Sachs, Piano

WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading

Joshua 1:1-9

Gary Ensing 8:30

Rick Oliver 10:00

¹After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ²"Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. ³I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,

praising my Savior all the day long;

this is my story, this is my song,

praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

Video testimony: Skyler Gerald

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-7

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Sermon

The Rev. Peter Larson

The Last Lecture

*The Apostles' Creed

Rick McNeely 8:30

The Rev. John Morris 10:00

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.