

St. John's Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

Introduction to Worship

"Church is not building or an institution, it is the living body of Christ, alive and proactive in the world, a world that needs a caring and faithful people working on their behalf."

Greeting & Prayer of Submission

Rev. Nate Dove

Hymn of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
O silver moon with softer gleam!

Chorus
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all forgiven tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
Sing Ye Praises! Alleluia!
You who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God, who knows your every care

Chorus

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 3:1-16

Bill Claytor & Rev. Allison Benfield

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus,

whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you."

This is the written word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Hymn

We've a Story to Tell the Nations

MESSAGE

We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

Refrain

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God.

Refrain

The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Lee Gray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song

Tell It, Tell It

HYMN OF JOY

"Go and teach," thus spoke the Master, risen victor from the grave.
Still he gives this great commission to his faithful ones, and brave.
Go and tell the gospel story of what all through Christ can be.
Send it! Send it to the nations that God's love may set us free.

Testimonial

Janet Jones

How is the ministry of God alive in your life?

Reflection

When you hear the name of Jesus, what comes to mind for you?

When you hear the word Christian, what is the first think that comes to mind?

Song

My World Needs You

by Kirk Franklin

Tarsha Williams and J. Kevin Gray, vocalists

Message

Reclaiming Evangelism from Evangelicals

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Song

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory,
Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story,
Because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love.

Commissioning the Scattered Church

Dr. Foust

Postlude

J. Noel Lance