



Service of the Lord's Day
Sunday, February 21, 2021

God's People Gather

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord!"

(Psalm 122:1)

With glad hearts, we welcome you to worship among this community of believers! The decorated tubes in the pews are guides to assist us in caring for one another by maintaining safe distances. You may move the tubes in either direction in the pew to accommodate your "household."

We invite you to hum the hymns or meditate on the words as the Sanctuary Singers sing on our behalf.

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation

Holy and loving God, as we worship you today, fill us with your Spirit that we might have new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline and so that we might follow in Jesus' footsteps. Amen.

Prelude How Great the Love arr. Beall

Kimberly Scheffey, Soloist

***Call to Worship**

L: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,

P: for we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.

L: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,

P: for we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.

L: The trumpet of the Lords sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,

P: for we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power.

ALL: O come, let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days**

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. We confess that too often we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care, relying on our own resources, and following the ways of the world rather than you. (silent confession) Have mercy on us we pray: **cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news!

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

L: Jesus says "Come, follow me."

***Response**

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and

live in me.

God's Word is Heard

Time With Children

Anthem **Blessed Assurance** arr. Drennan

Kimberly Scheffey, Soloist

Scripture Readings **Genesis 9:8-17**
Mark 1:9-15

Sermon **Noah for Adults**

Rev. W. Carter Lester, Jr.

God's People Respond

***Affirmation of Faith** *(from Phil. 2:5-11)*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

***Giving Our Gifts**

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you...

And also with you...

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.

God's Sends Us Out

***Hymn God of the Sparrow**

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars, How does the creature say Awe,
How does the creature say Praise?

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave, How does the creature say Grace,
How does the creature say Thanks?

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart, How do your children say Joy, How do your children say Home?

***Blessing**

***Postlude Sonata in a Gasparini**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Please leave the sanctuary by the side aisles and both doors; the deacons will guide you.

Our sanctuary singers and instrumentalists this morning are John Genther, Gayle Hall, Sarah Pinard, Kimberly Scheffey, and Rob Wade. Thank you!

The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of our father, Richard Kovach, by his daughters, Cindy, Julie and Eydie.