



A joyful church, guided by God, loving our neighbors.

Stewardship Season Virtual Service
Sunday, 15 November 2020

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Surely the Presence

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 123

One: To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!

All: As the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to You, Giver of every good gift.

One: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Look with favor upon us, O Lord, and be pleased with our praise and thanksgiving.

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER: Gracious Creator, Your day draws near with deliberate haste. We prepare ourselves for the providence that You promise to us in Christ. As we gather in this place to give You all praise and glory, fill us so with the Holy Spirit that we may discern Your will. May we thereby be led to worship You in all that we do, with thanksgiving to Jesus who shows us the way. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.

All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.

Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord:

“Holy, holy, holy Lord!”

All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the blessed martyrs follow, and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you, while in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you, and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

CALL TO CONFESSION: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not within us. In confession we acknowledge our brokenness and our need for God who is faithful, just, loving and forgiving. In humility and in faith let us confess our condition to God by praying together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **O God, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. Christ calls us stewards, but we squander Your gifts. He gives us tasks to perform, yet we do as we please. He sends us to minister on behalf of those suffering; we are slow to respond until our own needs are met. He expects us to praise You in all that we do; we take all the credit for those things we do well. Forgive us and help us to be more obedient.**

(Time of Silent Personal Confession)

THE KYRIE: **Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Paul reminds us: "Since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ." Therein lies our assurance of pardon. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #581: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

GIFT OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:18-19

18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Almighty and Everlasting God

Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERMON

Staying the Course as Par for the Course....

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

VIDEO

TEAMWorks

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Prayer written by Sir Francis Drake)

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little, when we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore. Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess we have lost our thirst for the waters of life; having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity and in our efforts to build a new earth, We have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim. Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wilder seas where storms will show Your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes; and to push back the future in strength, courage, hope, and love. This we ask in the name of our Captain, who is Jesus Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

New Prayer Concerns:

- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Carol Barrows**, Nancy Forbriger's cousin, Ovarian Cancer
- **Denise Bien**, Health concerns
- **Bogart Family**, passing of Ray Bogart, husband of Mary Jane
- **Orpha DeMaria**, Health concerns
- **Marian Fenker**, Health concerns
- **Dorothy Fisher**, Health concerns
- **Estelle Goode**, mother in law of Rev. Amy Snow, recovering from surgery
- **Sue Imm**, Health concerns

- **Allison McGrath**, Cancer treatment
- **Glenn Montague**, Health concerns
- **Tom Wise**, Health concerns

Serving in the Armed Forces:

- **Zachary Huffman**, Friend of Barb Imm
- **Brian Montague**, grandson of Glenn Montague

Mission Co-Workers:

- **McGill Family**, back in the United States

****Please notify the church office of any prayer requests you may have including those of you who have loved ones in the Armed Forces or in Mission.**

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Month of November: 1 Otto Budig, Janice Connett, 2 Zach Steele, 3 John Coffey, 5 Joyce Thoma, 9 Jayden McNeill, 11 Hans Hammelrath, 20 Don McLennan, 25 Denise Bien, 28 Judy Kapfer.