



May 10, 2020 Online Worship Resource

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 133

How wonderful, how beautiful it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity!

It is like precious oil on the head, running down one's face,

Running down Aaron's beard and over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Mount Hermon flowing down the slopes of Zion.

This is where God gives the blessing of life evermore.

Let us worship together!

Hymn: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

Call to Confession

We have been called to follow Christ by trusting in his love for us and living out that love by caring for one another. Let us confess how we have fallen short in the ways of love by praying together...

Confession

Holy God, we confess that trusting you is hard. We struggle with doubts and unanswered questions. We want our own way and chafe against boundaries and limitations. Our brothers and sisters aren't always easy to love, and our anger and impatience spills over on to them. Forgive us, Lord. Renew us with your grace and lead us toward wholeness, that we might do well and live peacefully with one another. For the sake of Christ, we pray.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and offered his life for us.

This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

Passing the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time can be found on the end of the video at minute 40:18.

Prayer for Illumination

Come, Holy Spirit, that through your word we may trust the Lord with our whole hearts and be guided into the love of Christ which is for all the world. Amen.

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-16

4 Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have produced[a] a man with the help of the Lord." 2 Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. 3 In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, 4 and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, 5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. 6 The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it."

8 Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." [b] And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. 9 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" 10 And the Lord said, "What have you done? Listen; your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground! 11 And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." 13 Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! 14 Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me." 15 Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! [c] Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. 16 Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord, and settled in the land of Nod, [d] east of Eden.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon: God Won't Fit in My Box

Hymn: *Take My Life and Let it Be*

Take my life and let it be consecrated , Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.

Prayer of Dedication

Generous and gracious God, desiring to “do well” towards our sisters and brothers, we offer our gifts to you that your church may be a place of hope and peace in the midst of our troubled world. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benediction