



May 3, 2020 Online Worship Resource

Call to Worship

Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

Alleluia!

By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

Alleluia!

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Hymn: *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia,
Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

We are waiting, O God, to hear your Word, for in your Word is our hope. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we hear your voice and be attentive to what you will say to us today. In the name of Christ, we ask this and all things. Amen.

Scripture: Genesis 3:8-15

8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of

the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." 14 The Lord God said to the serpent,

*"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."*

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

Sermon: Up the Wrong Tree

Hymn: *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

Invitation for the Offering

God's gifts to us are bountiful. In gratitude for all we have been given, let us offer our hearts and the fruits of our labor to the ongoing ministry of God's church.

Prayer of Dedication

In the spirit of faith, Gracious God, we thank you for the opportunity to give our offerings, to participate in extending your grace during this time of need and uncertainty, and to give all glory to you. Amen.

Call to Confession

If God kept track of sins, who among us would stand a chance? But with God, there is forgiveness. Trusting that God hears our request for mercy, let us pray together the prayer of confession...

Confession

Merciful God, we try to hide from your presence, knowing that we have traded your abundant life for a wasteland of sin. We have not followed your will, but instead heed other voices and pursue our own desires at the expense of others. We are so misguided that we cannot discern good from evil, making the wrong choice, choosing the wrong side. We ask for the courage to tell you truthfully what we have done. We pray for forgiveness so that we can live with ourselves, with others, and with you. You alone can restore us. In steadfast love, look upon us and re-clothe us in your grace; for the sake of Christ, we pray.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Brothers and sisters, do not lose heart. We are being renewed day by day through the grace of Christ extended to us.

We are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise....

Communion of the People

Payer after Communion

Benediction