

## Welcome...

*...to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Worship consists of a dialogue between God and His people. God speaks and we respond by grace. The pastor and a ruling elder lead us. **\*Please stand, if able.***

### Order of Morning Worship

February 21, 2021

Prelude      *We prepare silently to meet God in worship.*

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 67:3-5

#### **\*Song of Approach**

“Before the Throne”

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest whose name is love,  
Whoever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands.  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free.

For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness.  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die.  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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#### **\*Invocation and Profession of Faith** The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic<sup>1</sup> and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>“Catholic” means universal; one church across all times, places, and peoples.

**\*Hymn 111**

“This Is My Father’s World”

This is my Father's world,  
And to my list'ning ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,  
O let me ne'er forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav'n be one.

**Old Testament Reading**

Numbers 21:4-9

**Congregational 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 and ever, Amen.*

**\*Hymn**

“Not In Me”

No list of sins I have not done,  
No list of virtues I pursue,  
No list of those I am not like,  
Can earn myself a place with You.  
O God! Be merciful to me—  
I am a sinner through and through!  
My only hope of righteousness  
Is not in me, but only You.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer,  
No lifted hands, no tearful song,  
No recitation of the truth  
Can justify a single wrong.

My righteousness is Jesus' life,  
My debt was paid by Jesus' death,  
My weary load was borne by Him  
And He alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world,  
No work I do, no gift I give,  
Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands;  
I cannot cause my soul to live.  
But Jesus died and rose again—  
The pow'r of death is overthrown!  
My God is merciful to me  
And merciful in Christ alone.

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## **New Testament Reading**

Romans 5:1-11

## **Message**

*“PORTRAIT OF GOD’S LOVE”*

## **\*Hymn 455**

*“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”*

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Refrain:*

Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more. *Refrain*

He left His Father's throne above  
(So free, so infinite His grace!),  
Humbled Himself (so great His love!)  
And bled for all His chosen race!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For, O my God, it found out me! *Refrain*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. *Refrain*

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own. *Refrain*

## **\*Closing Prayer**

## **\*Hymn 734**

*“Gloria Patri”*