



Order of Worship

August 16, 2020

10:00 a.m. Service

**During this time of social distancing, we ask that all singing and responsive reading be done from behind a mask.
Thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and others safe during the pandemic.**

Prelude

Who Am I

Introit

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Root

Call to Worship

***Hymn #306**

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, stary host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we remain preoccupied with ourselves. Allowing the past to hold us hostage, we hold grudges and cling to destructive habits. In your loving kindness, you promise forgiveness and new life. Have mercy on us and free us from sin so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***Congregational Response**

Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

God So Loved the World

Folts

***Hymn #592**

The Doxology

***Prayer of Commitment 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.

***Choral Response**

Anthem

Seek First the Kingdom

McDonald

Scripture Reading

Genesis 15:7-11, 17-21

⁷ The Lord said to Abram, "I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess."

⁸ But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

¹⁰ And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, ¹⁹ the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰ the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹ the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

3. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)
4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)

Scripture Reading

Romans 4:1-8

¹ What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷ "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

The Fire of Faith

"Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." (Romans 4:3)

*Prayers of the People

*Hymn #447

Lead On, O King Eternal

1. Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.
2. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.
3. Lead on, O King eternal: We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted over us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

He Lives

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

*Postlude

Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Please stand if able.

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