

WORSHIP SERVICE

November 12, 2017

Ordinary Time

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

*Call to Worship (Psalm 78:1-7)

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old— things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children; so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

Praise

*Songs of Praise:

“O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good” (#549 vs. 1-3)

“There Is A Fountain” (#Red 263 vs. 1-2, 4 & 3)

“I Need Thee Every Hour” (#322 vs. 1-3)

*God’s Greeting

Hymn of Adoration: *“The God of Abraham Praise” (#39 vs. 1, 4-5)*

Renewal

Call to Confession (Matthew 22:37-40)

Our Lord Jesus said: *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”*

As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

Silence followed by Sung Prayer of Confession:

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea” (#627 vs. 1-3)

Assurance of Pardon (based on Isaiah 44:21-22, 49:15 & 66:13)

Remember these things, O Jacob and Israel, for you are my servants; I formed you, and you will not be forgotten. I have swept away your sins and transgressions like a cloud, like a mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb?

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

Friends, this is the good news!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

Offering: General Fund

***Hymn of Dedication of Gifts:**

“Have We Any Gift Worth Giving?” (#872 vs. 1)

PROCLAMATION

A Word to Children of All Ages

Dismissal of Children for Kids Connection

Scripture: Genesis 38:1-30 (p. 42)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Tamar: “She Is More Righteous Than I”

***Hymn of Response:**

“O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire” (#828 vs. 1-3)

SENDING

***Sending & Benediction**

***Doxology:** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (#965)

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Please note: All songs are from the “Lift Up Your Hearts” Hymnal unless otherwise noted.

Participants:

Speaker: Rev. Mark Hofman

Pianist: Keiko Pederson

Guitarist: Sean Sullivan