



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 21, 2021



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WORSHIP SERVICE

February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship from Psalm 22:22-31

I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you. You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows. The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him—may your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.

All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him— those who cannot keep themselves alive. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

PRAISE

Songs of Praise

“Amid the Thronging Worshipers” (#511 vs. 1-3)

“Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah” (#518 vs. 1-3)

God's Greeting

Renewal

Call of Confession (Psalm 51:10-17)

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement. See us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon from 1 Peter 2:24

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that free from sins, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds we are healed.

Friends, this is the good news.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Response of Gratitude:

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (#521 vs. 1-3)

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

Reminder of Opportunity to Give Tithes and Offerings (Designated Offering: Calvin University)

PROCLAMATION

Scripture: John 15:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: You Will Bear Much Fruit

Hymn of Response: “*Christian Hearts in Love United*” (#727 vs. 1-3)

SENDING

Benediction

Doxology: “*Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah*” (#518 vs. 4)

Postlude

Participants:

Minister: Rev. Mark Hofman

Piano: Carrie Dole

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