

Sunday July 19th, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: We wait with hope,

All: for God's promises are sure.

One: We wait with patience,

All: for God's time is a mystery.

One: Come and worship.

All: We will wait upon the Lord.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 218 "We Praise You, O God"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Holy God of mystery and miracles, reveal your presence to us as we gather in our homes to worship. Send your Holy Spirit to descend upon us, as angels once descended to Jacob. Raise our thoughts, that we may reflect on your promises and trust with hope in promises yet to come. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 337 "Blessed Assurance"

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 28: 10-19

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

Patient, loving God, when we are groaning and griping, comfort us and forgive our shortcomings. When we are doubting and afraid, comfort us and reveal your promises to us. Help us trust with hope, and wait with patience, even as you patiently love us with your mercy and grace. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

Time of Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: We have this hope: God's promises are sure, and Christ's mercy is ours.

All: All is well. All will be well. Amen.

Anthem: Pablo Perez and Laura Hackett – “*My God is King*”

Guest Speaker: Courtney Allen Crump, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.

Hymn: VU 520 “We Plough The Fields”

The Offering

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 213 “Rejoice, The Lord Is King”

The Blessing and Benediction

***Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above!
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.***

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Postlude: *The New Irish Choir and Orchestra – “Christ Our Hope In Life And Death”*