

Sunday, February 7th, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 147)

One: Praise the Lord! How right it is for us to sing praises to our God.

All: Great is our Lord, who understands us and strengthens us.

One: Sing with joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, who fills our lives with steadfast love.

All: Praise the Lord!

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **VU# 330** “Jesus Shall Reign”

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Gracious God, as Jesus spent time with you in prayer, we come before you in prayer today. Renew our spirits, that we might tell your story with passion and purpose.

Fill us with a hope that is bigger than worldly values. Fill us with a love that knows no bounds. Fill us with a compassion that leads us to love and to serve. Free our lips to proclaim words of praise, as we share your good news with others.

Guide, empower, and encourage us with your Spirit, as we seek to share your gospel with the world around us. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40: 25-31

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 29-39

Hymn **VU# 343** “I Love To Tell The Story”

Good News Time

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God, we know how easy it is to forget your presence and power in our lives. Surrounded by the sounds of anger, violence, and hate, we have trouble listening to your whispers of hope and grace.

Thinking that Scripture is filled only with stories, we cannot understand your truth which can change lives. Forgive us. No one can offer us mercy and hope the way you can.

Lift us to our feet so we may walk with you; fill us with your strength so we may serve your people; touch us with your healing so we may proclaim to everyone the Good News that has come in Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

(A time of quiet reflection on the prayer we have just shared)

Assurance of Pardon

One: The Good News is this: God never tires out, God is always with us, God heals us with mercy.

All: The One who numbers the stars knows each of us by name.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

Anthem: Forever Be Sure – “Under Your Wings”

Sermon: Recharging Spiritual Batteries

Hymn **VU# 589** “Lord, Speak To Me”

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# 422** “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

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: Phoenix Choir / Canadian Physicians' Virtual Choir – Ordinary Day