

LITURGY & SONGS – February 23rd, 2020

Reflection Ouote:

"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." -- J. R. R. Tolkien

Call to Worship:

Leader: Consider this: our God is King of old. Before the mountains were brought forth, or men and women were formed from the dust of the earth, He was from everlasting to everlasting. He filled all space and time, all that was and was not yet; and He fills this space now, even our very hearts. The Lord is in His holy Temple, let all the earth keep silent before Him.

All: Lord, our lives are ever before you. Yours is the day, yours also the night; you have established the stars and the sun. You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth, and every season under heaven. Teach us, O Lord, to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom, and so in living before you, live fully alive. (Based on Psalm 74, 90, and Habakkuk 2)

Confession of Sin:

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done, and the things we have left undone. We have not pursued your wisdom, or treasured your Word for all its worth. We have satisfied our hearts with folly, and loved this world more than we have loved you. For this, we are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who was full of grace and truth, would you have mercy on us and forgive us our sins, that we may hereafter live godly, righteous, sober lives, and bring glory to your holy name.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Dearly Beloved, if you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, than what is true of him is also true of you. For in Christ, by confession, you are washed, purified, and brought face to face with the King of glory again.

All: Amen.

(Based on 1Corinthians 1; 1John 1)

Benediction:

Leader: Dearly Beloved, in wisdom life was conceived, through wisdom it was created, and by wisdom it will be carried along to the Father's presence where there is fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore. May you leave this place learning to number your days, that this wisdom may be yours and so also righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. (Based on Psalm 16 and Romans 14)

SONGS

Before the Throne of GOD Above Amazing Grace Here's my Heart We Will Feast in the House of Zion Your Love is Strong