

LITURGY & SONGS – May 10th, 2020

Reflection Quote:

"No occupation in this world is more trying to soul and body than the care of young children. What patience and wisdom, skill and unlimited love it calls for." — **Isabella Alden**

Call to Worship:

Leader: O People of God, let our mouths declare the praise of the LORD! Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever. Let us extol our God and our King. Let us bless his name day by day. Come, let us speak of his great power; make known his glorious splendor.

All: Great is the LORD! He is greatly to be praised. Though your greatness is unsearchable, your grace is knowable. We pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and sing aloud of your righteousness. How great is our God! <Based on Psalm 145>

Confession of Sin:

All: God, you have proven time and again you are faithful. History tells the story! You take the hardships of this life, the difficulties of this world – what others meant for evil – and you work them out for my good. And yet, here today, my confidence shrinks in the face of my circumstance. Anxiety is too close of a companion. Frustration builds and anger erupts because I am unsure how I will continue tending to those in my care. The uncertainty and unmet expectations are robbing me of the courageous hope you beckon me toward. Forgive me, God. And remind me again of the story you're writing in and through me this day. <Based on Genesis 50:20-21>

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Lift up your eyes, children of God. Though we do not know what the future brings, we are assured this day that the Ancient of Days is for us. Behold! Bring to remembrance again! The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world is now the Risen King. Whom shall we fear? Of what shall we be afraid? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son will graciously continue to give us all things. Nothing shall separate us from the love of God! <Based on Romans 8:31-38>

Benediction:

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Therefore, let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. This is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. <Based on 1 Peter 1:3-4, 4:19, 5:12>

SONGS

Great is Thy Faithfulness Before the Throne of God Above It Is Well With My Soul God With Us Is He Worthy?