

LITURGY & SONGS – September 6th, 2020

Call to Worship:

All: Holy God, the difficulty of our situation is not hidden from you. Though others choose to hope in other things our prayer is to you, O LORD. In the abundance of your steadfast love, answer us in your faithfulness. We seek you and you alone! We long for our praises to be heard and our hearts revived by you, the God who draws near to the needy. <Based on Psalm 69>

Confession of Sin:

Leader: King Jesus, I am quick to receive your gracious pursuit though I am unworthy in every way. Yet, I am slow to extend that same heart of impartial kindness to the individuals I encounter day to day. Those with power and pedigree get the best of me. Those who can do nothing for me but express their need receive little to nothing. Forgive me, God of mercy, for who I pursue with intentionality exposes the depth of my partiality.

All: You have chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith. You have promised the kingdom to the lowly. Those who love you above all learn to love others in response. Forgive us for failing to live as the extension of your mercy. <Based on James 2:1-13>

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Lift up your heads, for there is hope in the Risen Son of God! Though you were dead in your trespasses, God has made you alive together with him by extending forgiveness, cancelling the record of your debt by nailing it to the cross. He has disarmed the rulers and the authorities and triumphed over them in the cross of Christ and the empty tomb. God's saving grace has met our desperate need; let us praise our Savior and our King.

<Based on Colossians 2:6-15>

Benediction:

Leader: Now may our God and Father and our Lord Jesus unite us. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Amen.

<Based on 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13>

SONGS

All Creatures Of Our God And King Come As You Are Nothing But The Blood Gracious Redeemer Come Thou Fount