

LITURGY & SONGS – December 6, 2020

Call to Worship:

All: I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God! The Rock, his work is perfect and all his ways are just. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, oh how upright is he. Give ear, O heavens; let the earth hear the words of my mouth as we praise the Most High with our whole hearts.

<Based on Deuteronomy 32:1-4>

Confession of Sin:

Leader: God of grace, my past is filled with memories and mistakes I long to forget. The more I consider the history of my sin, the further I feel from a holy and just God.

All: The hurt we caused and experienced has left a lasting impression. Our instinct is to hide and distance ourselves from those seasons.

Leader: Jesus, to enjoy the riches of your mercy is to own the deepest pits of my depravity. To experience grace upon grace of the goodness of Gospel news is to lay down all of me at your feet.

All: Jesus, forgive us. We take for granted your gentle and lowly heart. We don't believe your love meets us most powerfully in the ugliest parts of our story.

<Based on Ephesians 2:1-10 and Matthew 11:28-30>

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: While we were still weak and helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. One will scarcely die for a righteous person but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us! We have been justified by his blood; how much more will we be saved from the wrath we deserve. Jesus, our risen King, extends his forgiveness and embrace to the uttermost. He has made a way for us!

<Based on Romans 5:6-9>

Benediction:

Leader: Dearly beloved, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Amen and amen.

<Based on 1 John 1:8-9 and Hebrews 4:16>

SONGS

Light Came Down Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Come Thou Fount