

St. James Presbyterian Church

May 10th, 2020

GATHERING

WELCOME

INTROIT

Rimsky Korsakov

Scheherazade

McKenna Rahn (Trez Music)

GOD GATHERS US IN

HYMN #555

Rinkart

Now Thank We All Our God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Merciful and Loving God, we ask forgiveness because our consciousness of you is dimmed by everyday desires and needs.

ALL: Raise our consciousness of you, O God.

One: We forget that we are a reflection of your image. We act as though you are a Sunday-only event.

ALL: Increase our mindfulness of you, O God.

One: Help us to a greater common awareness of your deep mystery and infinite presence.

ALL: Rouse our awareness of you, God.

One: Open our eyes from surface focus to depth perception. Turn our heads from shallow concerns to eternal truths.

ALL: Awaken us from faint-heartedness, O God.

One: Forgive us for our narrow and selfish ways.

Save us from cheap grace with your amazing grace.

ALL: Forgive us, O God. We ask in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER

Psalm 23

Jesus, you are our shepherd. We shall never want. You make us lie down in green pastures; you lead us beside the still waters. You restore our souls. You guide us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Even though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we fear no evil, for you, Christ, comfort us. Jesus has prepared a table for us in the presence of our foes; Jesus has anointed us with the oil of salvation; our cup runs over! Surely, goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, And we will dwell in the house of our Holy Savior forever and ever. Amen. Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

RESPONSE

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us, thanks be to God.

CHAT WITH THEO

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Schubert

Theme From Unfinished Symphony
McKenna Rahn (Trez Music)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

NRSV

1 Samuel 1:21-28

RESPONSE

"The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever."

SERMON

"Lending to God"
Rev. Charles Best

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN #333

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise ...

One: We proclaim our faith together, saying...

ALL: Christ has come among us.

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ abides with us.

Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Communion

OFFERING

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

BENEDICTION

Bless the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised.

HYMN #507 vs. 5

I Come With Joy

Dove of Peace