

St. James Presbyterian Church
August 16th, 2020
Outdoor Worship

GATHERING

WELCOME

INTROIT

Kuhn

Colors of the Wind
Geneva Dardick

GOD GATHERS US IN

One: As summer stillness rises each morning,

All: Taste and see how good God is.

One: As summer vacations open us to the greatness of God's Creation,

All: Taste and see how good God is.

One: Long days of light, picnics, and friends and family all around,

All: Taste and see how good God is.

One: Summer wonder, summer rest, and summer worship.

All: Taste and see how good God is.

One: Let us worship our God and His Creation together!

All: Let us experience the goodness of God together now!

OPENING PRAYER

Amazing and bountiful God, you lead us eternally toward you. We beg of you to grow in us during this time of organized worship. We are thankful to be gathered together as Your people together this morning! Keep us safe, healthy, and grant us your wisdom as we worship you this morning and always. Amen!

HYMN #473

Kocher

For the Beauty of the Earth

CALL TO FORGIVENESS

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

All: Generous God, you offer us strength to face the darkness and grace to accept the past. Yet, we seldom want to look at our puzzling fears, or our hidden angers, or even our wounded past. We often work and play hard so we don't notice the loneliness or feel any emptiness. We make ourselves busy so that we do not notice that you are missing from our lives. Forgive us for not looking to see a blessing hidden in each event and every memory. Forgive us for letting our hurts overwhelm our hearts and your healing. In your name, oh Lord, please forgive us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SHARING THE LOVE AND PEACE OF GOD

One: The peace and love of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please take this moment to wave to a neighbor, catch up for a moment, and show the love of Christ from an appropriate physical distance.

We ask that you keep your masks on and your distance from others during this time of fellowship.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHAT WITH THEO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Oh Lord, help us to focus our entire attention on You today as we hear your Word through scripture. Enlighten us and open our hearts now. Thank you for your wisdom, God. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Portions of Deuteronomy 34
The Death of Moses

MUSICAL MEDITATION

You Raise Me Up
Geneva Dardick

Groban

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Portions of Joshua 1-4
Crossing the Jordan

Sermon

A Whole New World
Theo Camara

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SONG

Trust in You

Daigle

JOYS AND CONCERNS (TIME OF PRAYER)

OFFERTORY

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Thank you dear Lord for this time to give back to you just some of what you have blessed us with. Help us to give our tithes and talents wisely as you call us to. Guide the church as they utilize these funds and grant that we may do your work with the aid of these gifts. In Your name we give, Amen.

HYMN #267

Shaw

All Things Bright and Beautiful

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: May you hear the melody of God's creation and bloom where God has planted you in your life. May you know God's love in summer and every season. May you feel the warmth of Christ when you're cold and the refreshing gust of wind from Holy Spirit when you're hot. Go in peace and love God and His Creation!

All: God guide us as we live our lives, AMEN!