

St. James Presbyterian Church
August 23th, 2020
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Outdoor Worship

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

GOD GATHERS US IN

One: People ask, "Who is this one you worship?"

All: He is the Messiah, the one whose word calls all creation into being.

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All: He is the Messiah, the one whose wisdom is truth, whose desire is

One: Peace, whose life is justice and mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

All: Everlasting God, we unite to worship you as we continue to confront a global pandemic. Let us draw upon the resources of our faith, to enable us to hear your word, to follow its direction and feel your living presence. Enable us, by your Holy Spirit to use this time to grow closer to you and to continue the work entrusted to us – of being light in darkness and hope in times of uncertainty; through Jesus Christ we ask. Amen.

HYMN #379 (vs. 1-2)

Bradbury

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Why do we confess our sins? Because we often do what is against the will and purpose of God. As we confess our sins, we seek to amend our relationship with God and each other. In faith and trust, we pray:

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

All: Steadfast God, we confess that too often we have said Jesus is Lord without it changing our hearts and minds. We confess that we rarely act as if Jesus is Lord of our lives. We confess that we seek our own comfort, more than following the mandate of Jesus to care for 'the least of those among us.' Pierce us with your love. Fill us with new resolve, so that our words and deeds reflect your living presence in us. Hear now our personal confession we offer in silence.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The promise is for each of us this day: there is a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. Whoever comes to God in faith and trust, will never be turned away. Hear and accept the Good News: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE #355 (vs. 1)

Renville

Hear the Good News of Salvation

PASSING OF THE PEACE (*from a social distance*)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

KIDS CHAT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy One, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the one who is the way, the truth and the life. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and love; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12: 1-8

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

“Basis Christianity”
Rev. Don Potter

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #443 (vs. 1 & 3)

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Wesley

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Lyrics to Today's Hymns

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

(vs. 1-2)

(1) My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

(Refrain)

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

(2) When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

(Refrain)

Hear the Good News of Salvation (vs. 1)

(1) Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.

(Refrain)

Jesus Christ, how much I love You!
Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above Ye Heavenly Hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
A—men!

O Christ, the Great Foundation

(vs. 1 & 3)

(1) O Christ, the great foundation
On which Your people stand
To preach Your true salvation
In every age and land:
Pour out Your Holy Spirit
To make us strong and pure,
To keep the faith unbroken
As long as worlds endure.

(3) Where tyrants' hold is tightened,
Where strong devour the weak,
Where innocents are frightened,
The righteous fear to speak,
There let Your church awaking
Attack the powers of sin
And, all their ramparts breaking,
With You the victory win.