

St. James Presbyterian Church
August 30th, 2020
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Outdoor Worship

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

GOD GATHERS US IN

One: In this hour we unite with others to praise God.

All: O give thanks to God and call upon God's name.

One: The promises of God are meant for us in our need.

All: We sing to God and offer ourselves in service to the world.

OPENING PRAYER

All: Into your presence we come, O Lord, grateful for the gift of this new day. Even as we face the hurdles and challenges of life, we know that you are with us. We seek to follow in your steps, for as scripture assures us, you are 'the way, the truth and the life.' Confident of your guidance, we seek a closer walk with you so that we may be bearers of your love in our needy world; this we pray through Jesus Christ, your son, our Redeemer. Amen.

HYMN #281 (vs. 1-2)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hughes

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and gave his son to atone for our sin. In the confidence that God hears us when we pray, we now confess our sin:

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

All: Have mercy upon us, O Lord: you have set your way before us, but we often go astray. At times we are afraid of where you will lead us, and we find the weight of your call heavy to bear. You have taught us to excel in love, rejoice in hope, to live peaceably with others and to overcome evil with good. But too often we do not do what you expect of us. Forgive our fear and faithlessness. Help us to see what you see, to follow where you lead, and to live with joy in your presence. Hear our personal confession in silence.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Sisters and brothers, the Good News is this: God who is rich in mercy, out of divine love for us, even when we were dead to sin, made us alive together with Christ and raised us up with him. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-15

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon

“The Burden Of A Great Potential”

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 #412 (vs. 1,2, & 5)

Williams

Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Lyrics to Today's Hymns

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (vs. 1-2)

(1) Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

(2) Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

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!

Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

(vs. 1,2, & 5)

(1) Eternal God, whose power upholds
Both flower and flaming star,
To whom there is no here nor there,
No time, no near nor far,
No alien race, no foreign shore,
No child unsought, unknown:
O send us forth, Thy prophets true,
To make all lands Thine own!

(2) O God of love, whose Spirit wakes
In every human breast,
Whom love, and love alone, can know,
In whom all hearts find rest:
Help us to spread Thy gracious reign
Till greed and hate shall cease,
And kindness dwell in human hearts,
And all the earth find peace!

(5) O God of righteousness and grace,
Seen in the Christ, Thy Son,
Whose life and death reveal Thy face,
By whom Thy will was done:
Inspire Thy heralds of good news
To live Thy life divine,
Till Christ has formed in all mankind
And every land is Thine!

