

ONLINE WORSHIP FEBRUARY 28, 2021

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Introductions and Invitations

Welcome & Welcoming Music

Call to Worship

One: We are invited to walk with God. We are welcomed by God as people of the covenant.

All: How awesome to stand in the presence of our Creator! We bring our praise to glorify God.

One: God calls us by name and gives us new names. We are summoned to faithfulness and fruitfulness.

All: God not only speaks to us but also listens. God hears our cries and meets our need.

One: Let the ends of the earth remember and turn to God. Let the families of all nations worship the Creator.

All: We will pay our vows to the One who calls us. We praise the God of all nations and all peoples.

Hymn #144

"This is My Maker's World"

Call to Confession (*worship leader says aloud*) Often the first step to change is listening. We have to listen to those we've hurt. We have to listen to creation as she cries. We have to listen to the voice of the oppressed, If we ever hope to make things right. So today as we begin our prayer of confession, We will start with a moment of silence— A moment to listen. And then we will pray together trusting that God is always listening to us,

And that God's ears listen with love.

So let us confess, silently and then together...

Prayer of Confession

One: Listening God, All: Take what is closed in us and open it. Take what is distracted in us and settle it. Take what is hurting in us and hold it. Take any and all parts of us that create distance from you. For we are like Peter, O God. We argue what we don't know. We fear what we cannot see. And we almost always speak sooner than we listen. So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us.

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We long to hear you more clearly. We long to know you more fully. With hope we pray, And with gratitude we confess. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness:

One: Siblings in Christ, We confess with gratitude because we know that God already has heard and forgiven us. No matter what we have done or left undone, we are held in God's hand. So rest in this good news: **All: God invites us in. God meets us where we are. God hears our prayers. God forgives us.** One: Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Sharing the Peace of Christ (greet fellow worshipers in the live chat as we sing song #123 "El Shaddai")

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children In Ministry Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Message: "The Power of a Name"

Lori Leopold

Erich Grimm-Schmitt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer (we pray for God's guidance as we sing #3098 "Dust and Ashes" v. 1 & 2)

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer Offering of Gifts (*followed by*) Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (we read and pray aloud together)

God of manifold blessings, bless our lives to your service, even as we consecrate these gifts in service of a world in need. May our offering go forth this day, and be a reflection of your glory for all who struggle to know your ways. As these gifts go forth to do your work, may they help others hear your voice as you call their names. In the spirit of your grace and peace, we pray. Amen.

Hymn #419

"I Am Thine. O Lord" (v. 1 & 2)

Benediction And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

All are invited to share in virtual coffee time online via Zoom (*may require app download*).

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