

Virtual Worship for February 28, 2021

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Nate Sell

You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you children of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him!
For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from us,
but has listened to our cry for help.
The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord will praise him—
may your hearts live forever!
Let us worship the Lord!

(From Psalm 22)

**PRELUDE - "Tromba a Basso solo", Giuseppe Colombi
Keiran Campbell, cello**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.
We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.
We profess to be disciples,
But we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.
We affirm the virtue of self-denial,
But we indulge our selfish desires and seek early gain.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for sincere repentance
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion)

HYMN – Lord, I Want to Be a Christian, Hymn 729

Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.

SCRIPTURE READING – Job 38:1-21

The LORD Answers Job

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall answer me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—
when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,
so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?
It is changed like clay under the seal,
and it is dyed like a garment.
Light is withheld from the wicked,
and their uplifted arm is broken.

“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.

“Where is the way to the dwelling of light,
and where is the place of darkness,
that you may take it to its territory
and that you may discern the paths to its home?
Surely you know, for you were born then,
and the number of your days is great!

SERMON “Where Were You?”

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**ANTHEM – “It Is Well with My Soul”, arr. Brent Olstad
Wally West, saxophone; Cathy West, piano**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

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