

## Virtual Worship for February 7, 2021

### **WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**

Have we not known? Have we not heard? (*Isa. 40:21*)

**Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; (*Isa. 40:31*)

**they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

they shall run and not be weary;

**they shall walk and not faint.**

(*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Year B Vol. 1*)

**PRELUDE – *Songs Without Words, Op. 30 – No. 1 Andante Espressivo in E-Flat, Felix Mendelssohn; Michael Parker, piano***

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Rev. Nate Sell**

O God, you bring healing to our lives and comfort to our hearts. Forgive us, O Lord, when we contribute to the things that break your heart. You would have us share our gifts with the world. You would have us live in faithful community. You would have us see all people as siblings within the body of Christ. However, we confess that we fall short of your calling. Forgive us when we seek comfort rather than connection, when we hold back our hand rather than extending it to a neighbor in need, when we keep others down instead of lifting them up. Cover us with your grace, O God, and free us to be agents of your healing.

(*Adapted from Call to Worship Vol. 54.1*)

**HYMN – *All Creatures of Our God and King, Hymn 15, verses 1,4,6*  
Starmount Ensemble**

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up you voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam,  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,  
All who in pain or sorrow grieve,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
So, even in the midst of tears,  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
And worship God with humble heart.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
Sing Praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 1:29-39**

### **Jesus Heals Many at Simon's House**

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

### **A Preaching Tour in Galilee**

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

## **SERMON – "Getting Close to the Kingdom"**

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## **ANTHEM – My Grateful Spirit Sings, Sally DeFord**

**Starmount Ensemble**

In all thy works I see thy glory, in mighty wonders, in small and simple things,  
My heart rejoices in the bounty set before me, and my grateful spirit sings.  
Each rising sun tells of thy goodness, the rain proclaims thee in the life it brings,  
All creation bears thee sure and silent witness, and my grateful spirit sings.

The stars that crown the realms of space reflect the image of thy grace.  
The rolling seas, the earth and sky, declare thy pow'r, thy majesty and might.  
I see thy hand in man's compassion,  
    thou art the font of kindness whence it springs.  
Thy boundless charity hath wrought my soul's salvation,  
    and my grateful spirit sings.

For changeless love and endless mercy,  
for countless blessings beyond the wealth of kings,  
For every perfect gift thou sendest Lord, I praise thee, and my grateful spirit sings.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION**  
**Rev. Nate Sell**