

## Virtual Worship for March 21, 2021

### WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

When the way is difficult and dangerous,  
**let us still choose what is good and just.**

When evil comes to break us down and break us apart,  
**let us still choose to carry on with each other.**

When power from on high strikes fear in our hearts,  
**let us still choose the courage to persist.**

For we know that the love and power of God, which abides in us, will not  
be overcome. Come, let us worship the Lord.

*-enfleshed Liturgies*

**PRELUDE – What a Friend We Have in Jesus, arr. Brent Olsted,  
Wally West, saxophone & Cathy West, piano**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Nate Sell

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love.  
According to your abundant mercy,  
blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity.  
Cleanse me from my sin.  
I know my transgressions.  
My sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.

**You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

**HYMN – Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Hymn 39  
Starmount Ensemble**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
(Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
(Refrain)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalm 51:1-12 (*The Message*)**

Psalm 51: A Prayer for Cleansing

Generous in love—God, give grace!  
Huge in mercy—wipe out my bad record.  
Scrub away my guilt,  
soak out my sins in your laundry.  
I know how bad I've been;  
my sins are staring me down.

You're the One I've violated, and you've seen  
it all, seen the full extent of my evil.  
You have all the facts before you;  
whatever you decide about me is fair.  
I've been out of step with you for a long time,  
in the wrong since before I was born.  
What you're after is truth from the inside out.  
Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life.  
Soak me in your laundry and I'll come out clean,  
scrub me and I'll have a snow-white life.  
Tune me in to foot-tapping songs,  
set these once-broken bones to dancing.  
Don't look too close for blemishes,  
give me a clean bill of health.  
God, make a fresh start in me,  
shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life.  
Don't throw me out with the trash,  
or fail to breathe holiness in me.  
Bring me back from gray exile,  
put a fresh wind in my sails!

### **John 12:20-30**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

**SERMON – *Do Your Insides Match Your Outsides?***  
**Rev. Dr. Kate Guthrie**

**ANTHEM – "Fairest Lord Jesus", Derek Hakes**  
**Starmount Ensemble**

Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God to earth come down,  
thee will I cherish,  
thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring.  
Jesus is fairer;  
Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter;  
Jesus shines purer,  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior,  
Ruler of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
***written by Rick Morley***

**BENEDICTION**  
**Rev. Nate Sell**