

In-Person Worship for April 11, 2021

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as people on a journey.
Fear not: **Christ is risen!**

Love and grace. Hope and faith.
These are the essence of the one we call God.
We seek forgiveness & grace from
the One and from those we've harmed.

Assured of that grace,
we are ready to grow again.
We yearn for a new way,
a new perspective,
and a clear path.

Fear not: **Christ is risen!**

Speak to us, God!

Continue creating us!
Inspire our hearts.

Fear not: **Christ is risen!**

Amen.

- adapted from liturgy written by Tim Graves and posted on
LiturgyBits

PRELUDE – Michael Parker, piano (TBA)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
You have raised Jesus from death to life,
and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him,
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the ways of the world,
and failed to give him glory.
Forgive us, and raise us from sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world
and is head of the church, his body.

HYMN – Lift High the Cross, Hymn 826

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
fill all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

REFLECTION and DISCUSSION

Rev. Nathan Sell

ANTHEM – How Firm a Foundation, Hymn 463

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Nathan Sell