

# MORNING WORSHIP

April 18, 2021

Half past Ten O'Clock

## Third Sunday of Easter GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

WELCOME AND NOTICES

INTROIT

"Our God Our Help in Ages Past"  
Ivey Cherry, baritone

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 139

Leader: O Lord, You have searched me and known me, You know when I sit down and when I rise up.

**People: You know my heart's desire.**

Leader: You discern my thoughts from far away, You search out my path.

**People: My heart keeps leading me back to You.**

Leader: Wonder are Your works, O Lord.

**People: For it was You who formed my inward parts, You knit me together in my mother's womb.**

Leader: How weighty are Your thoughts, O God!

**People: I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

Leader: In Your book were written all the days that were formed for me, even this day.

**All: We know Your heart's desire, O Lord, and so we worship You.**

\*HYMN

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

*Refrain*

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.**

**Refrain**

**His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.**

**Refrain**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,  
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.**

**Refrain**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Rev Beth Merrill Neel

**Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see You as our center, and to cling to the good that You create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear His love and truth to the world. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 139:12, John 8:12

Leader: Even the darkness is not dark to You; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to You. Jesus said, I AM the Light of the world, those who follow me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:1-18

SERMON

"Brother Saul"

Margo Richardson

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"

BLESSED ASSURANCE

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*Refrain*

**This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Refrain**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**Refrain**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

**Refrain**

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INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Sinner, Please Don't Let This Harvest Pass"  
Ivey Cherry, baritone; Gay Pappin, piano

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

\*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*LITANY OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Holy God, we recognize that the greatest gift is the gift of love.**

**May our offerings distribute this love to the world:**

**the small world we inhabit with the suffering people we know;**

**the larger world where the power of love is sorely needed.**

**We offer our treasure and hearts to You, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, peace  
and life to all of Your creation.**

**Amen.**

## **BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

For those worshipping in the Sanctuary, please be seated after the Benediction until after the Postlude ends. Then, take caution to maintain social distance as you exit the Narthex.

\*Those who are able please stand.