

# EVENING WORSHIP

May 2, 2021

Five O'Clock

GATHERING, WELCOME AND NOTICES

CHILDREN'S WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 8

Leader: Praise for the break of a setting sun, as it lays to rest across the Easter breeze of springtime.

**People: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! When we look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that You have established; what are we that You would care for us?**

Leader: Praise for neighbors as we worship in the midst of their coming and going.

**People: You have crowned us with glory and honor and given us dominion over the work of Your hands.**

Leader: Praise for the calling of Your creation, from those who chirp, bark, and shout as they pass by.

**People: The sheep and oxen, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, are ours to care for.**

Leader: Praise for gathering us in the name of Your Son, our Lord.

**All: O Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

OPENING SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

inspired by Exodus 17:1-7, John 4

Leader: God of mercy, hear the prayers of Your thirsting people.

For every time we have attributed Your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone,

**People: Forgive us, we pray.**

Leader: For every time we promised to trust You but turned to our own way when Your response did not come soon enough or in the way we expected,

**People: Grant us mercy, O God.**

Leader: For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused,

**People: Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.**

Leader: For each way we put our own understandings above Your wisdom, for each time we resist Your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us,

**People: Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.**

Leader: For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering around us

**All: Forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with Your grace;**

**Remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5 (selected verses)

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND MUSICAL RESPONSE

*For the next few minutes, greet one another in a socially distanced manner by asking your neighbor, "What changed in your life last week?"*

INSTRUMENTAL ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:31-39

SERMON

"God is for us"

Lisa McLennan

SONG OF RESPONSE

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP, PRAYER, AND OFFERING

Text to Give 704-734-9818

*During the anthem, please find prayer ribbons and markers in the baskets nearby. As an act of discipleship, mark your prayers, rise and tie your ribbons at the front. Financial offerings may also be received in the baskets or by text.*

ANTHEM

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

\*SENDING MUSIC

As you depart please conserve our resources by leaving your marker in the large baskets.

\*Those who are able please stand.