

Call to Worship: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

ALL: To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Singing: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, Trinity Hymnal #38

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Prayer: Pray for God's presence and glory in our worship.

Scripture Reading: God Uses His People to Draw the Nations to Himself Psalm 67 & 1 Peter 2:8-12

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*
**that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity**
and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

**God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Prayers of Petition:

- Pray for the church to lead in racial reconciliation in the US - that the gospel message would prevail in this time of need.
- Praise God for the progress in Germany in preventing the spread of the corona virus. Pray that in this time of heightened uncertainty, that people would look to the Lord for salvation.
- Pray that we will not waste the progress made on the COVID-19 virus and for God's continued protection especially those who are most vulnerable.
- Pray for our relationships with one another - that we would draw near to one another and also be encouraging and forgiving in our attitudes toward each other, loving as Christ loves us.
- Pray that we will accomplish all the tasks in time on preparing our new church location for us to worship there and begin ministering to the community.
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- Pray for God's financial provision - that we will be good stewards of our savings and that our building fund will continue to grow.
- Pray for the members of our congregation who will be leaving soon.
- Pray for our hearts as we hear God's word preached

Sermon: Authority, Calling and Presence, Matthew 28:16-20

Chaplain Luke Heibel

Matthew 28:16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. **17** And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. **18** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

I. Jesus Re-authorizes...

II. Our Discipleship Mission

IV. And Sees it Through Personally

Singing: *May the Peoples Praise You*

1. You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ
May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy with endless life

Chorus: May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes that we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

2. All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known
May the seeds of mercy grow in us, for those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace, to spread Your Word (*Chorus*)

3. This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims (*Chorus*)

Close by praying for God's guidance for this day and for the week.