

Call to Worship: Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.

Singing: Jesus, I Come  
(*Music available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTeJfI9g0p8>* )

1. Out of my bondage sorrow and night, Jesus I come, Jesus I come  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus I come to Thee  
Out of my sickness, into Thy health  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus I come to Thee
2. Out of my shameful Failure and loss, Jesus I come, Jesus I come  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus I come to Thee  
Out of earth's sorrows, into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm  
Out of distress into jubilant song, Jesus I come to Thee
3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus I come, Jesus I come  
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus I come to Thee  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, Out of despair into raptures above  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus I come to Thee
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus I come, Jesus I come  
Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus I come to Thee  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus I come to Thee

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

Scripture Reading: God's Kingdom People Matthew 5:3-16

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
- "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.
- "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Prayers of Petition: Please feel free to add your own personal prayer requests to this list.

- Praise God for our new rental space! Pray that God will use this facility for his glory and as a beacon to lead people to Christ!
- Pray for Jody and Phil as elders. Pray that they would make wise decisions and that each step would be secure in building a ministry that delights our savior. Pray also for Nora Gelston who works tirelessly behind nearly every scene. Pray that others will step up to help.
- Pray for the renovation - that the work would be done well and on schedule and that God will provide for the furnishings.
- Pray that God would guide us in the coming days as we hear from members of the congregation and work out the details.
- 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 our core members who are moving away this summer - that God will lead them to a church where they can serve and grow in their faith.
- Pray for the ministry to German-speaking community and they will bring many to their fellowship.
- Pray that a vaccine will be found soon.
- Pray for the relaxation of U.S. Army-Europe guidelines to allow our U.S. brethren to attend worship services again.
- Pray for God's protection from the virus even as some restrictions have been lifted - especially for front-liners and essential workers.
- Pray for the Bible Studies being led by Helen, Johannes and Rachel Gibson and that they will grow as leaders and that those attending will develop and grow in their faith in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for our hearts as we hear God's word preached
- Pray that we will love Christ more each day and that others will see Jesus and be led to faith in Him.

Sermon: Learning Christ Ephesians 4:20-21

**Ephesians 4:17** Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. **18** They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. **19** They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. **20** But that is not the way you learned Christ!— **21** assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, **22** to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, **23** and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, **24** and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

I. But that is not the way you learned Christ!

II. Hearing Christ and Being Taught in Him

Singing: How Firm A Foundation #94

(Music available here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTqRiP2w0\\_8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTqRiP2w0_8) )

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said, To You who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. Fear not I am with you, O be not dismayed, For I am your God and will still give you aid.  
I'll strengthen you help you and cause you to stand, Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand.
3. When through the deep waters I call you to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow.  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, And sanctify to you your deepest distress.
4. When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace all sufficient shall be your supply.  
The flame shall not hurt you, I only design, Your dross to consume and your gold to refine
6. The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes.  
That soul though hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake

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