



*Therefore, confess your sins to
one another and pray for one another,
that you may be healed.*

JAMES 5:16

Sunday, September 20, 2020

***Sunday
Virtual Worship***

SUNDAY VIRTUAL WORSHIP

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GREETING and WELCOME

PRELUDE “Minuet” J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth!

Worship the Lord with gladness!

Come into God’s presence with singing!

Enter the courts of the Lord with praise!

Let us worship God!

UNISON PRAYER

O God, you are rich in love for your people. Show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, remind us of your lavish mercy. Call us back into your service and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN 288 *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”* (vs 1 & 3)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

SONG DURING CONFESSION *“Lord Have Mercy upon Us”*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Friends, hear the good news! If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING James 5:13-20

SERMON *“Confess to One Another”*
Series: “Think Like a Deacon” The Rev. Dr. Hilary Livingston

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING STATEMENT

PRAYERS for the PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN 438 *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”* (vs 1 & 4)

CHARGE and BENEDICTION

PASSING of the PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

Go in peace.

POSTLUDE *“Finale”* Flor Peeters



James 5:13-20

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

One Another

The Love of Jesus at Work in His Church