



LITURGY & SONGS – March 8th, 2020

Reflection Quote:

“The desire to reach for the stars is ambitious. The desire to reach hearts is wise.” — Maya Angelou

Call to Worship:

Leader: Behold, our God is the Father of lights who gives good and perfect gifts to all His children--wisdom in abundance to all who ask. Let us, then, with confidence draw near to throne of grace and find help in our time of need.

<Based on James 1 and Hebrews 4>

All:

Oh Lord, although your steadfast love endures forever, we do not know what to pray for as we ought. Yet, you whisper in our hearts, “Seek my face.” And so, Your face, Lord, we will seek! Upon you, Lord, our souls will wait.

<Based on Romans 8, and Psalms 27 and 130>

Confession of Sin:

All: Most merciful God, although you are the same yesterday, today, and forever, we confess that we have lived as if it were not true. Instead, we have lived as if you were ever-changing and so dispensed of your wisdom and sought something new. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, nor have we obeyed your command to love our neighbor as ourselves. Instead, we have loved only those who look like us, act like us, and think like us. And for this, Lord, we are truly sorry and humbly repent. We acknowledge that your ways are better than ours, and that they never cease to be right and true. For the sake of Jesus Christ, would you have mercy on us and forgive us our sins, and give us the grace to obey your word to the glory of your name.

<Based on Hebrews 13 and Isaiah 55>

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Dearly Beloved, your Father in heaven delights in nothing more than showing mercy and giving grace to those who confess. As a child of God, in Christ by faith, His love washes away your sins and now gives you the strength to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit all your days.

<Based on 1 John 1:9>

Benediction:

Leader: Dearly Beloved, the end of the matter has been heard: Jesus will come again. And, in righteousness, he will judge the living and the dead, right all the wrongs of history, and establish his kingdom upon the earth where the knowledge of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the seas. Therefore, go in the grace and peace of God, seeking first His kingdom, holding fast His wisdom, and spreading the hope of his return. Amen.

<Based on Eccl. 12, Acts 1, and Habakkuk 2>

SONGS

In Christ Alone

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Holy, Holy, Holy

Build My Life

The Battle Belongs to You