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for Collingswood and its surrounding boroughs.

## Gathering Before God

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scrolls and to open its seals..."*

**People: "For you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."**

*Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying...*

**People: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

(from Revelation 5)

### GREETING

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you!**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### Be Still My Soul

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God, to order and provide.  
In every change, He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, thy best thy heavenly Friend.  
Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake.  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake.  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul, the waves and wind still know.  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

*In You I rest, in You I find my hope.  
In You I trust, You never let me go.  
I place my life within Your hands alone.  
Be still, my soul.*

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on.  
When we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone.  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past.  
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last.

Be still, my soul  
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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

**Our gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Foolishly, however, we have, time and time again, chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words and deeds we have rebelled against you and your intentions for us. In so doing, we have broken our fellowship with you whose love is better than life. We have hurt others, sometimes unintentionally and sometimes deliberately, and have diminished their lives. We have damaged and despoiled ourselves who have been created to reflect your beauty.**

**Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus's sake. And grant that your resurrection power might course through our entire being, that we might walk in the ways of love and justice to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Silent Confession

## WORDS OF PARDON

*"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, . . . I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."*

(from Jeremiah 31)

## PASSING THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## The Word of God

### SCRIPTURE READING - Romans 12:15-21

**15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. **16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. **17** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. **18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. **19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." **20** To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

Speaker: Jim Angehr with Courtney and Abhi Samuel

Title: "Weep with Those..."

Series: "Racism: A Lenten Lament"

## PROFESSION OF FAITH IN GOD'S RECONCILIATION

*Leader: Let us say what we believe.*

**People: We believe that God has entrusted the church with the good news that we have been reconciled in and through Jesus Christ;**

**That the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world;**

**That the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker;**

**That the church witnesses by what it says and by what it does to the new heaven and the new earth, where righteousness dwells;**

**That through the life-giving work of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, God has conquered the powers of sin and death, and so also of alienation and hatred, bitterness and enmity;**

**That Christ through his Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience, obedience that can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;**

**That when those who proclaim the message of reconciliation nevertheless separate people by race, promoting and perpetuating alienation, hatred, and enmity, the credibility of this message of reconciliation is seriously affected, and the beneficial work of this message is obstructed.**

**That anyone who**

**1) attempts to justify racial separation by appealing to the gospel,**

**2) is not prepared to venture on the road to obedience and reconciliation, or**

**3) denies that the gospel has the power to reconcile because of prejudice, fear, selfishness, and unbelief, that person holds to false doctrine—which doctrine we reject!**

(Adapted from The Belhar Confession by Nolan Palsma)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader: Lord, in your mercy.*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

### Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

*Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes, I am*

Free at last He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

*Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am  
In my Father's House  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am*

I am chosen  
Not forsaken  
I am who you say I am  
You are for me  
Not against me  
I am who You say I am

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## OFFERING

### The Sending

## BENEDICTION

*Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Now and forevermore, go in peace.*

(2 Cor 13:14)

**People: Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

**People: Thanks be to God!**