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for Collingswood and its surrounding boroughs.

Gathering Before God

April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "Oh, give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among all peoples!"

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

People: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Leader: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

People: He is the LORD our God; his judgements are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations!

(from Psalm 105)

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

*Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign Lord, our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: rebellion and treachery against you, O Lord, turning our backs on you, our God, speaking oppression and revolt, uttering lies our hearts have conceived. So justice is driven back, righteousness stands at a distance, and truth is nowhere to be found in us.

Restore us, O Lord God Almighty; make your face to shine upon us, that we may be saved, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Confession

WORDS OF PARDON

"But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law...the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith."

(from Romans 3)

PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 121

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- 8 The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Speaker: Brandon Best

Title: From Where?

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Leader: Let us say what we believe.

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Heart Won't Stop

There is not a man or a beast
Nothing on the land or underneath
Oh nothing that could ever come between,
The love you have for me.

*I could lay my head in Sheol
I could make my bed at the bottom of the darkness deep.
Oh, but there is not a place I could escape you.*

*Your heart won't stop, coming after me.
Your heart won't stop, coming after me.
Your heart won't stop, coming after me.*

There is not an angel of the stars,
There is not a devil in the dark,
Nothing that could change the way you are
The love you have for me

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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!