

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 149:1-2

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus Shall Reign

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*INVOCATION & 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Romans 4:1-12

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SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, You who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You, hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and asking for Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our words and actions, and by the sinful attitude of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and selfishness. We confess our sins against you and against each other. Forgive us, O Father. For the sake of Your steadfast love, grant that we may walk in newness of life. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Galations 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

*HYMN OF FORGIVENESS

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE DOXOLOGY

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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SERMON TEXT

Ezra 5:1-17

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Beginning Again

Ross Hodges

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Isaiah 43

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*BENEDICTION