

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP Zephaniah 3:17
The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

HYMN OF PRAISE Come, Christians, Join to Sing #302

*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 3:21-31
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SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN From Psalm 51
Leader: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to the multitude of your tender mercies.
Congregation: Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.
Leader: We acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is always before us.
Congregation: Against You have we sinned and done this evil in your sight.
Leader: Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean.
Congregation: Wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.
Leader: Create in us a clean heart, O God,
Congregation: And renew a steadfast spirit within us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Titus 3:4-7
But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*HYMN OF FORGIVENESS The Power of the Cross Insert

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE DOXOLOGY

*HYMN OF PREPARATION My Hope is Built on Nothing Less #521

SERMON TEXT Ezra 4:1-24
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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 Adversaries and Accusations Ross Hodges

*HYMN OF RESPONSE Behold Our God Insert

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed #845
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*THE GLORIA PATRI #735

*BENEDICTION

**Please Stand*