Sunday Morning Worship Celebration

Shepherding

January 19, 2025

The Gospel of Luke: Love Came Down

Gathering

Gloria Patri

Welcome & Announcements

Praise

Prelude

Call to Worship | Psalm 118:1-4 (responsive)

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good

People: His steadfast love endures forever

Leader: Let Israel say,

People: His steadfast love endures forever

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say,

People: His steadfast love endures forever

Leader: Let those who fear the LORD say,

People: His steadfast love endures forever

The Invocation

Hymn of Praise | 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) [Matt Redman]

Confession & Assurance

Need of Confession | Psalm 130:1-3

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord, You who are all merciful, take away my sins from me and enkindle within me the fire of Your Holy Spirit. Take away this heart of stone from me and give me a heart of flesh and blood, a heart to love and adore You, a heart which may delight in You, and please You, for Christ's sake. Amen (Ambrose of Milan, a 4th Century Bishop).

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 130:4

But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Hymn of Praise | How Deep The Father's Love For Us [Stuart Townend]

Corporate Prayer & Giving

The Lord's Prayer (unison) / Pastoral 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 the day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, amen.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory | "The God of Abraham Praise"

Arr. Joel Raney. Presented by Lynne Fowlkes, flute.

Doxology

Hearing of the Word

Sermon | 1 Timothy 3:1-16, "A Leader's Life"

[1] The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. [2] Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, selfcontrolled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, [3] not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not guarrelsome, not a lover of money. [4] He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, [5] for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? [6] He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. [7] Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. [8] Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. [9] They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. [10] And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. [11] Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. [12] Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. [13] For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. [14] I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, [15] if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. [16] Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

Hymn of Response | Take My Life And Let It Be [Norton Hall Band]

Sending

Benediction

Postlude