

# Bulletin for Worship

## February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Call to Worship

*Carol Wetzel*

Come and be renewed in your strength and confidence by the power of God's Holy Spirit. Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall rise up on the wings of eagles.

**We come into the presence of God to learn and grow in the ways of strength and peace. We have come to worship God.**

### Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #795 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

*(chorus)*

Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *(chorus)*

In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. *(chorus)*

Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *(chorus)*

You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *(chorus)*

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### Prayer of Adoration

### Prayer of Confession

**God of Wisdom and Strength, we confess that we fall victim to our own foolish pride. We are too busy to pray, too distracted to listen to Your voice, and then wonder why we are too exhausted to live faithfully. Our foolish living causes us to become short tempered, hostile, and reactive. In the midst of our fatigue we begin to blame others for our problems, and become judgmental towards those who are different from us.**

**We see that even Jesus needed to find quiet and pray; how do we think we can do it alone?! Gentle Loving God, we need You to walk with us in humility and to show us new ways to live so that You are our source of strength and confidence. Forgive us for our foolishness and show us again how to be fully alive. We offer our hearts to You in the hope of the forgiveness that comes from Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*Take a few moments for your own silent confession*

### **Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness**

As Jesus comes to us, healing our spirits and souls, the demons of arrogance, indifference and apathy are cast aside. Through the gift of God's love and Jesus' grace, you have been forgiven.

**We shall rejoice and be glad! For God's love is poured out upon us and sets us free. Amen.**

### **The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 "Gloria Patri"**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

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*Glory Be to the Father*

*TEXT: Trad. liturgical text. Composer: Henry W. Greatorex (1851)*

### **Scripture Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31**

<sup>21</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup> who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me,

or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,

calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,

mighty in power,

not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
'My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God'?

<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

**Special Music video: "Those Who Hope" (They Will Rise) by David Casswell**

Those who hope in the Lord  
Will renew their strength  
(REPEAT)

*(Chorus)*

They will rise  
They will rise  
They will rise on eagles' wings

I will hope in the Lord  
And renew my strength

We will hope in the Lord  
And renew our strength

*David Casswell*

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**Mark 1:29-39**

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup> He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup> And he cured many who

were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup> In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' <sup>38</sup>He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**Message:** "The Light that Moves Us"

**Prayer**

### **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

#### **The 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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### **Sending Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;

much we need your tender care.

In your pleasant pastures feed us;

for our use your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,

you have bought us: we are yours.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,

you have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us;

be the guardian of our way.

Keep your flock: from sin defend us;

seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,

hear your children when we pray.

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hear your children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us,

poor and sinful though we be;

you have mercy to relieve us,

grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,

early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor;  
early let us do your will.  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us; love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us; love us still.

*TEXT: Thrupp's Hymns for the Young, 1836, alt.*

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## **Benediction**