



In Preparation for Worship

The open call for a community to live in equal fellowship through believing in Jesus as the Christ and Son of God and love of both God and one another is a vocation that every Christian can agree upon. This summons to relationship is never in question. The ability of humankind to live in this ideal, if unstructured, relationship in an imperfect world is. This is the ongoing challenge of living in community as children of God. - Sherri Brown

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Draw Near, All Ye People – Franz Joseph Haydn

Welcome and Announcements

At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping online with us by sharing your name in the "comments" on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at slpres.org.

Hymn #247

Now the Green Blade Rises

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Meet me, O Christ, in this stillness of morning.
 Move me, O Spirit, to quiet my heart.
 Mend me, O Creator, from yesterday's harms.
 From the discords of yesterday, resurrect my peace.
 From the discouragements of yesterday, resurrect my hope.
 From the weariness of yesterday, resurrect my strength.
 From the doubts of yesterday, resurrect my faith.
 From the wounds of yesterday, resurrect my love.
 Let me enter this new day, aware of my need, and awake to your grace, O Lord.
 Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence...
(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Praise

Thine is the Glory

Passing of the Peace of Christ

We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshippers in the "comments" of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ's peace with your friends, neighbors and family.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:1-7

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Sermon

Being Children of God

David Lower

Musical Response

Affirmation of Faith

from Sanctified Art

We believe in a God who stands with the underdog,
Who passionately protects the suffering,
And who overturns systems of corruption.
We believe in a God who leads by example—
Feeding the hungry,
Welcoming the children,
Offering water to the Samaritan,
Eating with the tax collector,
Healing the sick,
Preaching from the mountaintop,
And offering second chances.
We believe in a God who knew that we would lose our way,
And still said, “This is my body broken for you.”
We believe in a God who knew our capacity for mistakes,
And still said, “I’m going to prepare a place for you.”
And because of this love,
We believe that God shows us the way,
Again and again and again.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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; 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.

The Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also “Text to Give” to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

Hymn #740

Lead Me, Guide Me

Benediction

Postlude