

Sunday, January 23, 2022 – Beginnings: Tempted

GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 119:169-174 “Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding according to your word.... My lips will pour forth praise, because you teach me your statutes. My tongue will sing of your promise, for all your commandments are right.... I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight. Let me live that I may praise you....”

Songs:

O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise (LUYH 502)

O give the LORD wholehearted praise. To him thanksgiving I will bring;
with all his people I will raise my voice and of his glory sing.

His works are true and just indeed; his precepts are forever sure.
In truth and righteousness decreed, they shall forevermore endure.

In reverence and in godly fear we find the key to wisdom’s ways;
the wise his holy name revere. Through endless ages sound his praise!

Open the Eyes of My Heart (LUYH 537)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.
To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you. (repeat song)

You are Holy (LUYH 598)

You are holy, You are mighty. You are worthy, worthy of praise.
I will follow. I will listen. I will love you all of my days.

You are Lord of lords, you are King of kings,
You are mighty God, Lord of everything.
You’re Emmanuel, you’re the great I AM,
You’re the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb.
You’re the living God; you’re my saving grace.
You will reign forever, you are Ancient of Days.
You are Alpha, Omega, beginning and end.
You’re my Saviour, Messiah, Redeemer, and Friend.
You’re my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you.
(Repeat song)
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Call to Confession: Please be seated. When we start to name just some of who Jesus is, like the prophet Isaiah's experience in God's presence, we start to see our very real need to be honest about ourselves and to be cleared of our guilt. Let's confess our sin and let's know the joy of forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession: Holy and righteous God, when Isaiah saw you on your throne, he confessed his sin and the sin of his nation. We know that we too are a people of unclean lips. But not just unclean lips. We are people with unclean hands and unclean hearts. We have broken your law times without number, and are guilty of pride, unbelief, self-centeredness and idolatry. Confront our hearts with the severity of our sin and the glory of your righteousness. We now acknowledge our sins in your presence in this moment of silence.

Your Word tells us you will provide a way of escape from temptation. Give us clarity to see that way out. Lord, open our ears to your guidance and steer our footsteps from temptation. Help us to stay awake spiritually so that temptation won't catch us by surprise. Help us keep our spirit well fed with your Holy Word so that we remember you are living in us, and you are greater than every power of darkness and sin that is in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: The Apostle John wrote that God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. We are forgiven people made strong as God's holy people living by God's holy Word.

GOD GIVES US HIS WORD

Scripture: Psalm 119:11-16

King David felt that God's commands made him rich and he treated them like the treasure they are. In Psalm 119, he said:

I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.
I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.
I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.
I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Song: Ancient Words Ever True (LUYH 762)

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain

Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age
came to us through sacrifice. O heed the faithful words of Christ.

Refrain

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart. O let the ancient words impart.
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.
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Message: Jesus: Tempted, as we are (Matthew 4:1-11)

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

Prayers of the People

Offering

Benediction

Song:

Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
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When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end
Refrain

I will not forget Your love for me and yet My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side. I will love You to the end
Refrain

Postlude