



WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CHIMING THE HOUR/TIME OF CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Collins

Beloved of God, from where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Who is our keeper? The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

How long will God protect us?

God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time onward and forevermore.

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God our helper, our shade, our protector, you are able to give life to the dead, to call things into existence from the chaos. We trust in your power to make all things new. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

God Welcomes All | No. 399

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

God Welcomes All
TEXT: John L. Bell
MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you in need of your grace. You call us to trust in you, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the new life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by your grace. Amen. *(A time for silent confession)*

POURING OF THE WATER

Because of the grace we receive in baptism, we have nothing to fear.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Siblings in Christ, God is for us and not against us. Believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to God the Father | No. 605

Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;

praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three-in-One.

Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.

Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.

Praise to God the Father
TEXT: Anon.
MUSIC: Ghanaian melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
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CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

Touch Me With Ashes | Grace Choir
Words by Joseph M. Martin; Music by Stacey Nordmeyer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*HYMN

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy | No. 415

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
 Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.
 I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
 In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
 TEXT: Joseph Hart, 1759
 MUSIC: Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835
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***Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,
 true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
 I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
 In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.***

*Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.
 I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
 In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

*Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
 all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.
 I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
 In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-17

SERMON

"3:17" | Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ,
 Fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor
 and release to the captives,
 teaching by word and deed
 and blessing the children,
 healing the sick
 and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts,
 forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING, & OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (OLD HUNDREDTH) | No. 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we dedicate these gifts and our very selves in deep gratitude for your blessings in our lives. May all that we have be a blessing to others. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy... [pastor continues...]who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are truly holy, O God... [pastor continues...] THE LORD'S PRAYER

Glory to God | pg. 35

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This morning we will be taking Communion by intinction. When it is your turn to come forward, you will be handed a piece of bread and are invited to dip it into the cup on either side before returning to your seat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lead us, O Christ, by the power of your Spirit, to live as your require: to do justice, to love tenacious solidarity, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Keep our eyes fixed on Christ until this mortal life is ended, and all returns to stardust. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection when with the faithful of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

He Came Down | No. 137

He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;

He came down that we may have love; Hallelujah forevermore.

Leader: Why did he come?

He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;

He came down that we may have light; Hallelujah forevermore.

Leader: Why did he come?

He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;

He came down that we may have peace; Hallelujah forevermore.

Leader: Why did he come?

He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

He came down that we may have joy; Hallelujah forevermore.

*CHARGE & BLESSING

Remember you are a child of God;

And God loves God's children.

He Came Down
TEXT: Cameroon Song
MUSIC: Cameroon melody; transcr. & arr.
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MAR 1 - 8

Events & Celebrations

SUN 01	MON 02	TUE 03	WED 04
Communion Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship Potluck, 11:15AM NA of EP, 3:00PM BIRTHDAY—Wayne Hilton	Yoga, 2:00PM Unity Circle, 6:30PM	GraceB4Work, 7:00AM Deacons, 6:00PM	Soup & Study, 6:30PM
THU 05	FRI 06	SAT 07	SUN 08
Tres Rios Presbytery at Project Vida (3607 Rivera), 4:00PM Quilter's Board, 6:00PM	Tres Rios Presbytery at Project Vida (3607 Rivera), 8:30AM		DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM NA of EP, 3:00PM

Prayers & Concerns

Mary & Mark Dunn	Zoomer Roberts	Pat Bryant	Bob Hedicke
Corey Elson	Mary Province	Pete McMillan	Mildred Helm

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For all offerings given in any form, thank you!

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor — Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith
Music Director—Brittney Williams
Additional Accompaniment—Bill Rose

Liturgist—Jim Collins
Accompanist/Pianist—Patricia Ann Provencio
Technology—Angel Martinez,
Bob Jones & Jim Collins

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