



Live Streaming Service Jan. 10, 2021

PRELUDE “Arise, Shine”

Jacob Litt and Sarah Fox

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Bill Pfohl

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 103: 6-12)

led by Joe Hoermann

One: God makes everything come out right; God puts victims back on their feet.

People: God is sheer mercy and grace; not easily angered, God is rich in love.

One: God does not endlessly nag and scold, nor hold grudges forever.

People: God does not treat us as our sins deserve, nor pay us back in full for our wrongs.

One: As high as heaven is over the earth, so strong is God’s love for those who offer God respect.

People: As far as sunrise is from sunset, so far has God separated us from our sins.

HYMN “Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow” TFWS #2096

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Katarina von Kühn Murray

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Bill

Almighty and Gentle Lord, you call us to perfection, so that we would know the fullness of an abundant life filled with joy and hope and peace. We too often scoff at the idea of our own improvement let alone something resembling perfect. Free us Lord, from choosing the wide and easy way which finds comfort in a crowd. Free us from following in the footsteps of those who march arrogantly toward alienation and dis-integration. You invite us to be one with you and each other but we excuse ourselves claiming that our circumstances make such connections impossible. Forgive us for our lack of faith, for forgetting that those who worship you rightly do so in Spirit and in Truth. Remind us, oh Lord of all time and space, that there is no where beyond your reach and that you still seek your lost sheep. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER, WORDS OF ASSURANCE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

GIFT OF MUSIC

“By the Babylonian Rivers” & “When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise” Jacob Litt

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jeremiah 29: 1-14 / Romans 11: 1-2a, 25-27 Joe Hoermann

SERMON “Bloom Until You Are Transplanted” Pastor Bill

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - PASTOR BILLS 20 YEARS AT JESSE LEE

Elizabeth Rabinowitz & Angie Dollins

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Bill

HYMN “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” TFWS #2241

BENEDICTION Pastor Bill

POSTLUDE “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

Max Caserta, guitar; Andrew Spaulding, bass; Carol Spaulding, piano