

John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

January 10, 2021



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Labenske

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19:1, 3-4

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
There is no voice, there are no words,
**yet their voice goes out through all the earth--
words of great praise to the end of the world!**

***HYMN**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
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ELLACOMBE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In humility and faith,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God,
you love us with a perfect love in Jesus Christ:
forgive us for straying from you.
You call us to love and serve as Christ's followers:
forgive our unwillingness to hear the cries of others.
You invite us to new life, abundant and free:
forgive us for persisting in our sinful ways.**

**In your mercy, O Lord, redeem us.
Cleanse our hearts and minds of sin.
Strengthen us with your love,
and give us joy in your service,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Silent Confession

*LORD, HAVE MERCY

***Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 19:7,14

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.
**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer!**
Through the gracious love of God, by the costly death of Jesus Christ,
in the power of God's Holy Spirit, you are freed and forgiven!
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*RESPONDING IN PRAISE

Sing twice

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 11:27-12:9

Now these are the descendants of Terah. Terah was the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran was the father of Lot. Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans. Abram and Nahor took wives; the name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah. She was the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.

Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan; but when they came to Haran, they settled there. The days of Terah were two hundred five years; and Terah died in Haran.

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

MUSIC

Song of the Wanderer

Johanna Anderson
Dan Forrest

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 2:1-12

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"— he said to the paralytic— "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

The grass withers, the flower fades,
The Word of our God will stand forever.

SERMON

"Fulfilling the Promise of Creation"

Gordon Turnbull

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

A TIME OF OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN**

To Abraham and Sarah
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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

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