



**June 20, 2021**

# Traditional Service – 8:30 am

## Scripture for Meditation

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. (Ephesians 6:10)

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## Opening Hymn

## His Eye Is on the Sparrow

#441

Why should I feel discouraged, Why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely, And long for heav'n and home;  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is he;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.

Refrain: I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;  
For his eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,  
And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path he leadeth, But one step I may see;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me. [Refrain]

Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise;  
When songs give place to sighing, When hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him, From care he sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me. [Refrain]

## Responsive Psalm

## Psalm 1

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

**But whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.**

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,

which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.

**Not so the wicked!**

**They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

We confess, O God, that our faith in Christ doesn't free us from temptations in the world. Each day we struggle to be your people; faithful and obedient to your will and to your word. We are too easily captivated by the riches around us and the temptations that come with it. Our faith doesn't seem strong enough and when we fall, we blame everyone but the person in the mirror. Forgive us God for deflecting and not taking ownership of the sin in our lives. Free us through the Spirit from acting upon the temptation in our lives and lead us in the way everlasting. Help us to act upon the reconciliation we have with you through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ . We pray this in Jesus Name, Amen.

*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### **Response**

#### **Glory Be to the Father**

**#961**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen, Amen.

### **Scripture Reading**

#### **James 1:9-18**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

#### **Temptations Will Come**

### **Offertory**

#### **Like as the Hart**

*(Samuel Liddle)*

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### **Doxology**

#### **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

### **Closing Hymn**

### **How Firm a Foundation**

**#427**

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,  
for I will be with you in trouble to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

# Contemporary Service – 10:00 am

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## Prelude

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

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## Praise and Prayer

### Lord, Do What You Want To

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## Prayer of Confession

### Here Is Love

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## Announcements

## Scripture Reading

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**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

### Temptations Will Come

## Offering

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## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## Closing Song

## Resurrecting

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## Blessing

## Postlude

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Welcome & Sermon

Prayers

Scripture Reader

Scripture & Prayer

Director of Music

Guest Pianist (8:30)

Soloist (8:30)

Prayers of the People (10:00)

Worship Band (10:00)

Pianist (10:00)

Audio/Visual Team

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard

Dr. Chuck Guth (8:30)

Brian Meek (8:30)

Lois Morris (10:00)

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Damon Cole

Lois Morris

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Jim Peterson

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## Reflection Questions

### Connecting with One Another

- In your observation, what are the traps in life that get in the way of living the abundant life in Christ?

### Listening and Acting upon the Text

#### Read James 1: 9-18

**Background:** James is the head of the church in Jerusalem, and he is writing this letter to the scattered Christians who are facing hardship, suffering, illness, and persecution for their beliefs. They are looking for some wisdom and seeking advice from a trusted leader in their lives.

- What are the poor and the rich invited to celebrate? (vs. 1) What do they have in common and how might this be godly wisdom?
- To what degree does your confidence in wealth connect with your confidence in life?
- Read Isaiah 40:6. What does it tell us to focus upon in life? What is your favorite verse and why?
- What is the relationship with getting wealthy and temptation?
- Where does temptation come from and what is the potential outcome of temptation?
- If the reward for enduring temptation is the crown of life, what have you discovered helps to endure temptation and avoid it?
- Why do some people say, "The Devil made me do it?" and what does scripture say about this in vs. 14-15?
- What are the implications of having a God "whom there is not variation or shadow due to change" and the relationship with temptation?

**Talking with God:** Read the lyrics from this song and offer them up to God in prayer. Begin with saying:

O God...

I love You Lord; Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days; I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up; Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus: All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice; You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father; I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God (Chorus)

Bridge: Your goodness is running after; It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after; It's running after me  
With my life laid down; I'm surrendered now;  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after; It's running after me. Amen.

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