



August 1, 2021

Traditional Service – 8:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” (Romans 12:18)

Prelude

Morning Mood

(from Peer Gynt Suite1 by Edvard Grieg)

Welcome and 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!

Announcements

Opening Hymn

We Praise You O God

#560

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o'ertake us, you never forsake us.
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer;
our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

Psalm Response

Psalm 57:5, 7-11

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.

**My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and make music.**

Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.

**I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;
I will sing of you among the peoples.**

For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious Lord, forgive us for so easily pointing out the sins of others while ignoring our own. We are so good at discovering the speck in our friends' eyes and blind to the log in our own eyes. We cry for mercy when we have messed up but expect justice upon those who hurt us. Forgive us God for putting ourselves at the center of life instead of You. Restore us to a reconciled relationship with you and others. Enable us to extend grace and mercy to our friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors when there is conflict. 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.

Anthem

Domine Deus

(from Gloria; music by Antonio Vivaldi)

“Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father Almighty.”

Scripture Reading

James 4:1-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Conflict Among Friends

Offertory

The Lord's Prayer

(Albert Hay Malotte)

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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.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Response

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

(Jan Bender)

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Closing Hymn

Lord, Make Us Servants

(verses 1-3, 5)

#904

Lord, make us servants of your peace: Where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where there is hurt, may we forgive; Where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
Where all is night, may we sow light; Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console,
Nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.

Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.

Benediction

Postlude

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

(Kevin Sadowski)

Contemporary Service - 10:00 am

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Praise and Prayer

Great Things

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Good Good Father

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Prayer of Confession

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Scripture Reading

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Sermon

Conflict Among Friends

Offering

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

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The Apostles' Creed

Closing Song

O Praise the Name

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Blessing

Postlude

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon

Liturgist & Scripture (8:30)

Scripture Reader (10:00)

Pianist (8:30)

Director of Music

Soloist (8:30)

Pianist (10:00)

Worship Band (10:00)

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard

Andy Roane

Elaine Holmquist

Sharon Peterson

Ruth G. Heald

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Jim Peterson

Luke Stoner (guitar); Jay Charlesworth (electric guitar)

Christine Cheung (synthesizer)

Ruth G. Heald, Matt Parks, and Deb Valkenaar (vocals)

Ed Burton, Kyle Johnston, Barunka Szamaranszky

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Reflection Questions

Connecting with One Another

When you think about your friends, what is the issue that seems to cause most of the conflict?

Listening and Acting upon the Text

Read James 4:1-17

Background:

James is the head of the church in Jerusalem and writing this letter to the scattered Christians who are facing hardship, suffering illness, and enduring persecution for their belief in Jesus Christ. He is providing them guidance and wisdom to endure in the faith. In this section of Chapter 4, James is helping the early church as well as us to see clearly that the source of any conflict is directly connected to the internal “war” taking place inside of us. We are internally divided rather than in alignment with the way of Christ. It is too easy to be caught up in the world around us rather than the life of faith in Christ. James reminds the early church and all of us today that we need to continue focusing on the royal law which Jesus taught; love God and neighbor. When we are willing to yield to this way of life, we discover a life filled with flourishing.

1. According to James, what is the primary cause of all the conflicts and disputes among you?
2. What might be some reasons for unanswered prayers? (See James 1:5-8)
3. What are some of the suggestions from chapter 4 that help us act upon the wisdom from above rather than the wisdom around us? There are at least four different ways.
4. What does it mean to resist the devil (evil) and draw near to God? What does that look like in your life?
5. In vs 14, James uses the image of mist to talk about the significance of life. How does this impact the way you approach conflict with friends or loved ones?

Talking with God:

Read the following from James 4 to help guide you in your prayers.

James 1: 5 *“If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.”*

Gracious God, I come to you seeking your wisdom for the following things....

James 4: 7b *“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”*

Gracious God, I continue in my prayers to ask for your help to resist the evil that confronts me every day, help me to turn from....

James 4:8 *“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”*

Faithful Lord, help me to draw near to you and be open to your word in my life. Please use this silence to fill me with your presence and a word of hope. (Sit in silence for One minute)

O God, I know that my life is shorter than I want to admit. Help me to live life with a sense of urgency and purpose. In Jesus Name. Amen.