

Worship Guide for May 3, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy One, We cannot gather in person this morning, but we are gathered in spirit. We come together in our uncertainty and fear. We come together in our determination and hope. We come together to worship you: our Creator and Sustainer, the One who provides sunshine for the growing things, and warm breezes to restore our weary spirits; The One who cares for the birds who are busy nesting and singing. We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is Love. Let us know your presence with us and our presence with each other in this time of worship. Amen.

SONG: All Creatures of our God and King

GREETING/CANDLE LIGHTING

SONG: Be Unto Your Name- Robin Mark

Confession and Call to Reconciliation

The world teaches us many ways to love, but many are based on selfish desires and needs. God teaches us how to love: completely, uniquely, unconditionally. Let us confess our difficulty in loving as God teaches us, as we pray:

We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone—even You— more than we love ourselves.

Forgive us, Love Eternal. As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do; In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do, and don't do; in God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope. Forgiven, loved, sent forth— we are all children of the Kingdom! Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG: Jesus Loves Me

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: HOLD ME, JESUS by James Ward

SCRIPTURE: Philemon

SERMON: Peculiar Treasures: Philemon and Onesimus

SONG: They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love-

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OFFERINGS

1. Woody Nook Ministries
2. Blackfalds Food Bank

SONG: Cornerstone

Blessing