

February 28, 2021

Welcome

*Call to Worship: (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13, Amos 5:18-24)

Are you awake? Are you alert?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

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Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

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Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

*All the Earth

*God's Greeting

*We greet each other

Prayer of Confession:

Sometimes, God, we take ourselves so seriously —our opinions, our emotions, our needs, our entitlements— that we fail to notice our effect on others. And we do not make connections between our limitless wants and the resources left for others.

We do this without knowing it.

Make us aware of your desire for justice for all.

Help us work for the common good, so that everyone can experience your blessings.

Remind us that you love everyone.

Rebuild us in the strength of your love and your forgiveness.

Lead us from our darkness

into your light. **Amen.**

Lord I Need You

Words of Assurance: (1 Timothy 1:15, 1 Peter 2:24)

Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

Thanks be to God! Through Jesus, we are forgiven.

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Congregational Prayer

Children's Blessing

Scripture Reading: Amos 5:18-24, 9:11-15

Sermon: **Ritual or Restoration**

*Song of the Prophets LYUH 53 (1, Amos, final)

*Until that Day Comes

*God's Parting Blessing

*We Receive Your Blessing