## Sunday, February 14, 2021

Pre-Service: King of Kings

Welcome

Opening Prayer:

Father God, you are a God who yearns and desires to be in relationship with us. We recognize the challenges and struggles of living life with family, friends and colleagues. And yet, we are reminded in your Word that it is not good for us to be alone. So, we come surrounded by others who hurt, who are broken and wounded and who feel like they are walking through this world with a bit of a limp. We come together, in community, to worship you, our God who loves us, who sees us, and who delights in being in relationship with us. Amen.

Opening Song: Let All Things Now Living (John Reitsma - Feb. 14, 1935)

God's Greeting Greet Each Other

We Sing The Mighty Power of God/Fill Thou My Life O Lord My God (LUYH10/PsH 547)

## Prayer of Confession:

Father God we acknowledge that relationships are complicated, messy and sometimes down right hurtful. We are often left with questions of why? Why did you allow this to happen? And like John the Baptist, we too, may question who you are and what you are doing in this world. So, we come in the stillness of this moment and in silent prayer, confessing the times when we have caused others pain, and lifting up our relationships that may be causing us pain, grief, or sorrow, and we surrender them to your providential care.

## Assurance of Pardon:

God, your ways are definitely not our ways. You called a motley crew of disciples, including fishermen, a tax collector, zealot, a cunning thief and betrayer, a doubter, and a couple of petty, squabbling brothers. This is who you chose to be your disciples! The individuals you chose to further your kingdom! Today we once again put our faith in you, recognizing that it is you who works in each of us and that you will continue this work of maturing and shaping us until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Our God will continue to deliver us! Our God will continue to use us! Our God will continue His work in us! All the glory goes to him for ever and ever! Amen

Jesus Loves Me

Children's Blessing Prayer Scripture Sermon Songs of Response: Although We Are Weeping

## Hope of the Nations

Prayers of the People

May the Words of My Mouth

God's Parting Blessing

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow