

WELCOME- GEMS Sunday May 02, 2021

Call to worship- Psalm 100:

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture*

SONG: Come, Now is the time to worship

God's Greeting

GEMS theme

SONG: 10,000 Reasons

Prayer of confession

Leader 1: Lord, we confess we are not always patient nor kind like You have called us to be...

Leader 2: Remember Your church, O Lord;

Send Your Spirit of unity, courage and holiness.

CONGREGATION: Be near to us, Lord.

Leader 1: When we need reminding, that our Father created all people in His image...

Leader 2: Nurture within us your Spirit of love; may we never close our hearts to any of our brothers and sisters.

CONGREGATION: Come to us, Lord

Leader 1: When we find it difficult to befriend those who differ most from us...

Leader 2: Bring to an end the divisions between Christians; gather us in one visible communion. Show us Your presence, and enrich our lives by ever widening circles of friendship.

CONGREGATION: Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen

Words of assurance: Colossians 3:12-14,

Leader 1: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Leader 2: Lord, You are the ultimate example of a good friend. Help us be more loving, kind and patient towards our friends, and become more and more like You.

SONG: What a friend we have in Jesus

Prayers of the people

CHILDRENS VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Fcp0Q6FYcU>

SONG: Jesus loves me this I know

Children's blessing

Prayer of Illumination- Megan ten Hove (video)

Scripture reading- Megan ten Hove (video)

Sermon-

SONG- Cornerstone

God's parting blessing

SONG: Build your kingdom here