

Opening and Welcome

Songs of Praise

Psalm Reading (#56)

O God, have mercy on me,
for people are hounding me.
My foes attack me all day long.
I am constantly hounded by those who slander me,
and many are boldly attacking me.
But when I am afraid,
I will put my trust in you.
I praise God for what he has promised.
I trust in God, so why should I be afraid?
What can mere mortals do to me?

You keep track of all my sorrows.
You have collected all my tears in your bottle.
You have recorded each one in your book.

My enemies will retreat when I call to you for help.
This I know: God is on my side!
I praise God for what he has promised;
yes, I praise the Lord for what he has promised.
I trust in God, so why should I be afraid?
What can mere mortals do to me?

I will fulfill my vows to you, O God,
and will offer a sacrifice of thanks for your help.
For you have rescued me from death;
you have kept my feet from slipping.
So now I can walk in your presence, O God,
in your life-giving light.

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Merciful God, pardoning all who truly repent
and turn to you,
We confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves
We have not done justice, loved mercy,
or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, in your loving kindness.
In your great compassion cleanse us from sin
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 3.13-14: Christ redeemed us from the curse of
the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written:
"Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." He
redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham
might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that
by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Song of Preparation

Sermon: Pregnant with God
Jon 3.1-8

Communion: Prayer available in back of sanctuary
Closing Prayer

Song of Celebration
Announcements
Benediction



Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the

miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

“How can a man be born when he is old?”

Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!”

Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

App:

John 5.26: *For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.*

EAT



John 6.32-35: *Jesus said to them, ... it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world...I am the bread of life. He who*

comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

DRINK

John 4.13: *Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”*



BREATHE

