

Sunday Worship

The Joy Set Before Us

January 5, 2020

Lessons in Discipleship

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10:30A

10:26a **Jesus Shall Reign**
V1, C, V2, C, V3, C - Capo 3

GATHERING

10:30a **Welcome/Call to Worship**

> *Welcome to Grace Sacramento*

> *My name is ... and I'm so happy you are here. Please take a moment and let us know you are here by filling out the welcome card in your bulletin. It's a way for us to get in touch with you if you'd like more information about the ministries we offer and for you to let us know how we can pray for you or serve your family.*

> *Our call to worship comes from Isaiah 60:1-3 as we begin our New Year together and celebrate the beginning of epiphany, the season that begins 12 days after Christmas. "The word 'epiphany' comes from a Greek word meaning 'manifestation or appearance.' In the context of liturgical history, this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi." The adoration of the Magi is a sign that the light of Christ has come for the whole world, even Gentiles from the farthest reaches of the known world.*

> *Please stand if you are able and join me as I call us into worship this morning.*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Let's continue to worship!

10:32a **Open The Eyes Of My Heart**
V1x2, C, Vx2, Cx2, B, C

10:36a **Mighty To Save**
Instrumental 1, V1, C, Instrumental 1, V2, C, B, Cx2, Instrumental 1

10:40a **Confession/Assurance**

Call to Confession (Hebrews 4:14-16)

When we confess our sins, we are not groveling in guilt, but dealing with it. In the next few moments, in what we call 'Confession and Assurance,' we honestly face the ways we've contributed to the mess of the world. And we hear God's good news of forgiveness."

Our call to confession comes from Hebrews 4:14-16.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Will you join me this morning as we confess our sins together?

Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God,
whose son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way,
yet without sin,**

**we confess before you our own sinfulness:
we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
we have compromised with evil;
we have doubted your power to protect us.**

**Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.
Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in
your ways and delight in doing your will.**

Words of Assurance (Psalm 91:14-16)

Our time of confession ends not with just an acknowledgment of sin, but of the receiving of grace. In confession and the words we will now hear of our forgiveness from sin, we rehearse the gospel every week: our sin, our need for a Savior and the forgiveness of sin that comes through Jesus.

Our words of assurance comes from Psalm 91:14-16.

*"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.
When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation."*

Thanks be to God!

10:44a **Offering**

10:44:30a **Before The Throne Of God**
V1, V2, V3 - Capo 2

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10:48:30a **Doxology**

10:49a **GraceKids Prayer**

10:50a **Passing of the Peace**
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

10:52a **Prayers of the People**

(Inspired by Mark 1:9-11, Matthew 3:13-17, Luke 3:21-23)

Celebrating the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs, saying, "Lord, in your mercy", and responding, "hear our prayer".

God of light,
through water and Word,
You shine Your light into the darkness of our lives.
We give thanks for this incredible gift.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of love,
Your love comes in spite of our animosity;
You bring reconciliation to those who are divided.
We pray for patience, peace and goodwill towards those who do not share the same views.
Strengthen us to be peacemakers.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope,
You walk with us through the challenges which surround us.
Wash away our anxiety by Your promised presence,
and set us free from despair.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of church and world,
in baptism You unite us with Christ and with each other,
and bring Your reign into being.
Keep us from seeing Your love as a hiding place.
Motivate us to infuse the world with Your justice.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of health,
there is nothing that separates us from Your love.
Inspire us to bring Your health to the sick,
Your encouragement to the discouraged,
Your promise to the dying,
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life and death,
all that exists is from You, and for You.
Enable us to trust Your baptismal promise,
and serve this hurting world.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God who shines in the darkness,
receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts,
in the name of the One who is Your light,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

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10:55a **Ministry Moment**

WORD

10:56a **Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 12:1-2

Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from **Hebrews 12:1-2**. Please read both verses with me.

[1] Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

[2] fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

10:59a **Sermon**

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TABLE

11:34a **Communion**

> Servers: Brad Carpenter, Randy Anderson, Mark Lee, Chris Odneal

> Prayer Ministers: Randy Anderson, Kris Glass

11:40a ***Be Thou My Vision***

V1, V2, V3, V4 - Capo 4

SENDING

11:44a **Benediction**

11:45a **Postlude**

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