

Worship Resources for Sunday, January 17, 2021

As you gather for worship, talk about: How have you experienced God's presence this week?

Welcome and Call to Worship – *Psalm 96:1-3*

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Song – “*Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*”

God's Greeting

Song – “*Praise You In This Storm*”

Confession and Commitment – *Romans 8:1-2, 9-11, 14-15*

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Prayer

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*”

Song – “*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*”

Deacon's Update

Morning Prayer

Kid's Time

Scripture – *Haggai 1:1-12*

¹ In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest: ² This is what the LORD Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD's house.’ ”

³ Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: ⁴ “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”

⁵ Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. ⁶ You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”

⁷ This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. ⁸ Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the LORD. ⁹ “You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” declares the LORD Almighty. “Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house. ¹⁰ Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. ¹¹ I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands.”

¹²Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD.

Message - "Give Careful Thought to Your Ways"

Some questions to think and talk about:

What surprised you or challenged you in this story?

How have you found priorities helpful or harmful in your life?

Why do you think the Temple was so important?

How can you put God first in your life this week? What changes might you need to make?

Song – "For the Cause"

God's Blessing

Song – "Doxology (God Be Praised)"

~Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors~

Readings in *The Story* for this coming week: Section 19 – The Return Home. pp. 263-273.