

## Welcome to Worship

*Sharing life in Christ with each other and our neighbors*

April 25, 2021

### **"For the Beauty of the Earth" #19**

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

*Refrain*

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,

*Refrain*

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:

*Refrain*

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

*Refrain*

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,  
agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven,

*Refrain*

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

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### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Focus**

Jesus has come to seek and save who is lost. Jesus' love, hospitality, and salvation goes farther than any of us expect, even to the point of offending us (verse 2). This is a passage of open arms, something which we are also called to as followers of Jesus. To begin opening our hearts to this rather lengthy passage, let's consider the first seven verses at this time. Please look with me at Luke 15:1-7. **(Leader reads)**

#### **Confession**

(Reading Together)

#### **(Reading together)**

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace for all.  
We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle.  
We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love.  
Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other,  
And we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks  
And make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace.  
Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths,  
Through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

People of God, hear the good news! In Christ, God separates us from our sins as far as the East from the West. You are forgiven.

**We Greet Each Other (all reading together)**

Even as we are apart and long to commune face to face once again, we confess our care for one another and our unity in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 15:8-10

**"Micah 6:8"**

He has shown thee O man What is good and what the Lord requires of thee  
He has shown thee O man What is good and what the Lord requires of thee  
But to do justly and to love mercy And to walk humbly with thy God

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**"I Will Call Upon the Lord"**

I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)  
Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)  
So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO)  
I will call upon the Lord

Chorus

The Lord liveth And blessed be my Rock—Let the God of my salvation be exalted (REPEAT)

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**"Who You Say I Am"**

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am  
I am chosen not forsaken

I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am

Oh I am who You say I am  
Yes I am who You say I am

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

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**GEMS Club: "One Another Friends"**

### **Installation of Pastor Jonathan Owens**

#### **Congregational Prayer**

**Message:** "Following the Jesus of Open Arms"  
(Includes the reading of Luke 15:11-24)  
Pastor Jonathan Owens

#### **Parting Blessing**

#### **"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling," Verses 1 and 4 #615**

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling  
Calling for you and for me  
See on the portals He's waiting and watching  
Watching for you and for me  
Cho: Come home come home  
You who are weary come home  
Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling  
Calling O sinner come home

O for the wonderful love He has promised  
Promised for you and for me  
Tho we have sinned He has mercy and pardon  
Pardon for you and for me  
Cho: Come home come home  
You who are weary come home  
Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling  
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