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Come and Worship the Lord

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Today's Lay Reader: Carol McMahon

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come to worship, to pray and to encounter God together!**

Leader: We have a choice to make. Will we live by the flesh, or by the Spirit?

People: **Living by the flesh focuses on ourselves and our own wants. Living by the Spirit focuses on God. The choice should be clear. We will focus on God!**

Prelude

Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow

Lani Smith

Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2. To Je - sus end - less prayer be made, and end - less
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; all pris - oners
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - or - s pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom spread from
 prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap and loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Opening Prayer

Lord, thank you for waking us up this morning! Thank you for calling us to the sanctuary and to our screens to connect with you and your people. We thank you for the things that lift us up, and we give to you the things that weigh us down. Help us to live as the Spirit guides us, and now how our own desires guide us. Almighty God, equip us, strengthen us and then send us! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus***(sing twice)*

Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, look full in his
 won - der - ful face, and the things of earth will grow
 won - der - ful face,
 strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev**Scripture Lesson**

Galatians 5:13-25

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Solo – Karen Hanko

You're Always There

Pepper Choplin

Message

Flesh vs. Spirit

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Prelude on "New Britain"

Peter Pindar Stearns

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn

Victory in Jesus

1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came
 2. I heard a - bout his heal - ing, of his cleans - ing power
 3. I heard a - bout a man - sion he has built for me

from glo - ry, how he gave his life on Cal - va - ry
 re - veal - ing, how he made the lame to walk a - gain
 in glo - ry, and I heard a - bout the streets of gold

to save a wretch like me; I heard a - bout his
 and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, "Dear
 be - yond the crys - tal sea; a - bout the an - gels

groan - ing, of his pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing,
 Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"
 sing - ing and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry,

then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the
and some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the
and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of

vic - to - ry.
vic - to - ry. O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my
vic - to - ry.

Sav - ior for - ev - er! He sought me and bought me

with his re - deem - ing blood; he loved me ere I

knew him, and all my love is due him; he

plunged me to vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in A Minor

J.S. Bach

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