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10:00am

Tower Chimes

Janet Cook

Music to Gather: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Arr. James Curnow

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Danny Collier, Trumpet

Welcome

Call to Worship based on Acts 8 By Rev. Becky Sausser

One: God has set a table before us, inviting us to come, take, and eat!

**All: But how are we to understand this invitation?
Is God calling for me, or the person next to me?**

One: God is calling out to welcome us all to the table through God's son Jesus Christ!

All: We are all called to join in this table of joy and salvation, for what God has called clean is clean indeed!

One: So welcome, one and all! Welcome to this holy space! Come, eat, rest, and make yourselves at home!

All: We are all God's children, and we are all welcome to the table!

Hymn #250 "Listen to Your Savior Call"

Profession of Faith

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Today we remember the importance of listening for the way that the Holy Spirit moves in our lives.

All: Lord, there are times that we are moving so quickly that we forget to listen. Yes, we may hear the words spoken, but did we listen so that we might understand? Bless us in our relationships with one another and help us to actively listen for the ways that your spirit moves through our community. Help us to tune our hearts so that we might understand those opportunities in our lives where we are being called to listen and reflect your love. Amen.

William Cowper, 1768; alt.

1. Lis-ten to your Sav-ior call,
“Do you love me most of all?”
Je-sus speaks, and speaks to you:
“Love me as I first loved you.”

2. “I de-liv-ered you when bound,
and, when bleed-ing, healed your wound.
Sought you wan-dering, set you right,
for your path-way gave you light.”

3. “Mine is an un-chang-ing love,
high-er than the heights a-bove,
Deep-er than the depths be-neath,
free and faith-ful, strong as death.”

4. O my Sav-ior, hear my need:
though my love is faint in-deed,
Still I love you and a-dore—
oh, for grace to love you more!

John 21:15–16

Response to prayer of confession 🎵 Hymn #448, V1

**Take my life God, let it be
Consecrated faithfully,
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Words of Assurance

One: God is still speaking! When we wait in the silence we hear God's voice. When we look for the Spirit, we find her everywhere! When we imitate the Son, we are closer to him!

**All: "Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
and the one who understands obtain
guidance."** -Proverbs 1:5

Response to Words of Assurance 🎵 Hymn #493, V1

**O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and
still,**

**Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of
self-will!**

O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control!

**O speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my
soul!**

Scriptures

Reading 1: Acts 8:26-39

Reading 2: Acts 10:3-6, 24, 34-42

Danny Collier

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Congregational Response 🎵 (aka prayer for grace)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Children's Moment

Sermon: Listening

Rev. Becky Sausser

Hymn #613 "O Holy City, Seen of John"

(Note: Ushers will collect "Prayer Cards" during this time. Prayer cards are in the pews.)

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response 🎵 Hymn #520 Verse 2

Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;

Help me to see your purpose and your will,

Where I have failed, what I have done amiss;

Held in forgiving love, let me be still.

O Holy City, Seen of John

Walter Russell Bowie, 1910; alt.

1. O ho-ly cit-y, seen of John,
 where Christ, the Lamb, does reign,
 with-in whose four-square walls shall come
 no night, nor need, nor pain,
 And where the tears are wiped from eyes
 that shall not weep a-gain.

2. O shame to us who rest con-tent
 while lust and greed for gain
 in street and shop and ten-e-ment
 wring gold from hu-man pain,
 And bit-ter lips in deep de-spair
 cry, "Christ has died in vain!"

3. Give us, O God, the strength to build
 the cit-y that has stayed
 too long a dream, whose laws are love,
 whose ways are your own ways,
 And where the sun that blaz-es is
 your grace for all our days.

4. Al-read-y in the mind of God
 that cit-y is pre-pared:
 oh, how its splen-dor chal-leng-es
 the souls that great-ly dare,
 Yes, bids us seize the whole of life
 and build its glo-ry there.

Rev. 21:1–22:5; Heb. 11:16

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Offertory “Near to the Heart of God”

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Hymn#355 “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”**

* Commission and Blessing

* **Threefold Amen**

Amen, Amen, Amen

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George Job Elvey

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God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987

1. God the Spir-it, guide and guard-ian,
wind-sped flame and hov-ering dove,
Breath of life and voice of proph-ets,
sign of bless-ing, power of love:
Give to those who lead your peo-ple
fresh a-noint-ing of your grace;
Send them forth as bold a-pos-tles
to your church in ev-ery place.

2. Christ our Sav-ior, sov-ereign, shep-herd,
Word made flesh, love cru-ci-fied,
Teach-er, heal-er, suf-fering ser-vant,
friend of sin-ners, foe of pride:
In your tend-ing may all pas-tors
learn and live a shep-herd's care;
Grant them cour-age and com-pas-sion
shown through word and deed and prayer.

3. Great Cre-a-tor, life-be-stow-er,
truth be-yond all thought's re-call,
Fount of wis-dom, womb of mer-cy,
giv-ing and for-giv-ing all:
As you know our strength and weak-ness,
so may those the church ex-alt
O-ver-see its life stead-fast-ly
yet not o-ver-look its faults.

4. Tri-une God, mys-te-rious be-ing,
un-di-vid-ed and di-verse,
Deep-er than our minds can fath-om,
great-er than our creeds re-hearse:
Help us in our var-ied call-ings
your full im-age to pro-claim,
That our min-is-tries u-nit-ing
may give glo-ry to your name.

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God is still speaking, ...

Serving St. John's...

Rev. Becky Sausser.....Pastor
Lucia Guido.....Admin Assistant
Lois Mease.....Music Director and Organist
Jim Saylor.....Sunday Sexton

And too many volunteers to list!

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