



"Sermon on the Mount," by Laura James



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 8, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
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The path that Jesus offers may not initially look as appealing, but the farther down the road of faith one travels, the more truth one finds. We discover that humility, unlike power, needs no defense. We realize righteousness—doing the right thing—is its own reward. We find that a pure heart is much easier to live with than one filled with jealousy, resentment, or cynicism. Step by step, we learn that following Jesus—even if we are persecuted for it—leads to a joy that nothing can take away.

-Christine Chakoian

Gathering Music

"The Light of the World is Jesus"
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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

"Fiat Lux" (Let There Be Light)
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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Laura McCorkill
Psalm 1.1-3

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked

People: or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

Leader: their delight is in the law of the Lord,

People: and on his law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and
their leaves do not wither.

People: In all that they do, they prosper.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 154)

"Christ is the World's Light"
CHRISTE SANCTORUM

* Passing of the Peace

Laura McCorkill

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.

* Responding in Peace (CONG 155)

"We Are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light"
SIYAHAMBA

We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing, for the Lord is our light. [Repeat]

We are singing, oh we are singing for the Lord is our light. [Repeat]

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Children's Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

Call to Prayer (CONGR 400)

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

PRECIOUS LORD

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Unison Discipline of Confession

Lord Jesus, you lived in the strength of God's love, the knowledge of God's word, and connection to God in prayer, and stood firm through trials and triumphs. We confess that we sometimes spiritualize needs instead of feeding hungry people, and that we sometimes forget there's more to justice than a single meal. We confess that we'd love everyone to recognize that you love us best, so they'll come to our way, our interpretation, our tradition. We confess that we long to have a voice in the halls of power, and to extend our reach beyond our own circles of influence. Forgive us, and remind us that you are love, and those who abide in love abide in you.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

You have received the forgiveness of Christ, from the top of the mountain to the depths of the desert. Know that you may rely on the Spirit of Christ, through whatever wilderness you may travel.

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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

"I Am With You"

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 5.1-12

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

** In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
“The Best Sermon Ever Preached”

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 259, Verses 1, 2, & 3)

“Blest Are They”
BLEST ARE THEY

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“Second Sonata” (Allegro maestoso vivace)
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Mrs. J.S. Turner & H.N. Kean*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Laura McCorkill

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Brandon & Joanna Gillette Sound: Shane Schenkel

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Lawrence Chinese Evangelical Church

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Miriam Méndez, serving churches in New Jersey

International Ministries Missionaries: Lanutemjen & Onenlemlo Ao, serving in India

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