

St. Andrew UMC Worship Bulletin

July 12, 2020

Call to Worship

L: We look at this world, focusing on the pain and confusion, the fears and hatred which seem to abound.

P: For what can we hope?

L: We wait breathlessly for the goodness of creation to be made manifest in all the world, for this is the promise of God.

P: God is always with us, guiding, rescuing, healing, restoring us.

L: Get ready, dear friends, the promises of God are true.

P: Lord, quiet our spirits and open our hearts. Bring us hope and peace. AMEN.

Scripture Lesson

John 3:1-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus^[a] by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”^[b] ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.^[c] ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You^[d] must be born from above.’^[e] ⁸ The wind^[f] blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you^[g] do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.^[h] ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.^[i] ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”^[j]

Footnotes:

- a. [John 3:2](#) Gk *him*
- b. [John 3:3](#) Or *born anew*
- c. [John 3:6](#) The same Greek word means both *wind* and *spirit*
- d. [John 3:7](#) The Greek word for *you* here is plural
- e. [John 3:7](#) Or *anew*
- f. [John 3:8](#) The same Greek word means both *wind* and *spirit*
- g. [John 3:11](#) The Greek word for *you* here and in verse 12 is plural
- h. [John 3:13](#) Other ancient authorities add *who is in heaven*
- i. [John 3:15](#) Some interpreters hold that the quotation concludes with verse 1

Weekly Message

“Nick at Night”

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

All Bow Down

You're arriving with the sound of thunder and rain
You're arriving in the calm of the wind and the waves
You're arriving in the glow of a burning flame
A burning flame

Praise awaits You at the dawn when the world come alive
Praise awaits You in the darkness and shines in the light
Praise awaits You with a song of love and desire, love and desire

Here comes the King
All bow down
Lift up your voices
Unto the Lamb
He is the King
All bow down
All bow down

You are coming again like a thief in the night
You are coming again with a shout from the sky
You are coming again to take away Your bride
To take away Your bride

Here comes the King
All bow down
Lift up your voices
Unto the Lamb
He is the King
All bow down
All bow down

Yeah, You are the King
Yeah, You are the King

You are the King
All bow down
Lift up our voices
Unto the Lamb
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