

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!





†PRAYER OF ADORATION

ALLELUIA! WE PRAISE HIM!



CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God. in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

SONG OF ASSURANCE: "Witness"arr. Jack Halloran

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? Oh, I'll be a witness for my Lord.

There was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight. Nicodemus was a man who desired to know how a man can be born when he is old. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend: "Man you must be born again." He said: "Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise, repent, believe and be baptized." Then you'll be a witness for my Lord, soul is a witness for my Lord.

You read about Samson, from his birth he was the strongest man that ever lived on earth. Way back yonder in ancient times he killed ten thousand of the Phillistines. Then old Samson went a wand'rin' about. Samson's strength was never found out. Till his wife sat upon his knee. She said: "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please!" Samson's wife, she talk so fair Samson said: "Cut off my hair! Shave my head just as clean as your hand, and my strength will come like a natural man."

Samson was a witness for my Lord, soul is a witness for my Lord.

There's another witness for my Lord! My soul is a witness for my Lord.

Youth Choir and Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble Ginger Statom, Director



- **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**
- **†**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARING GOD'S WORD

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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SERMON NOTES

"... the righteousness of God is through faith for all who believe."

Romans 3:22a

- 1. The righteousness of God has appeared.
- 2. The righteousness of God can be accessed.

Luther insisted that justification by faith alone is the article upon which the church stands or falls, and if the church does not get this right, the church ceases to be an authentic church. If the church denies or obscures the doctrine of justification by faith alone, it is no longer a Christian body. To Luther's sentiment Calvin added that the doctrine of justification is the hinge on which everything else turns. J.I. Packer used another metaphor. He said the the doctrine of justification by faith alone is the atlas that carries the whole of the Christian faith on its shoulders. If justification by faith alone stumbles, the whole Christian faith comes crashing to the ground. We need to be clear as to what the word justification means and what the doctrine is all about. - RC Sproul

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