



Asa Israel's Idol-Destroying King

February 7, 2021

Characters

2 Chronicles 14

Rev. Helen Harrison Ham

Prelude

"I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Jason D. Payne

Celebration of Community

Welcome to in person and online worship here at Saxe Gotha. For those here in person, we want to remind you to keep your masks on during the service to keep everyone healthy.

- In person Sunday School and small group meetings of 15 or less resume today.
- The Ash Wednesday Service will be on February 17 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. The service will be available in person and livestreamed on our YouTube channel.
- Wednesday evening programming for adults begins on February 24.
- We continue to have many Virtual Options Available to Worship and Fellowship: To find out more about these Virtual Options, please go to saxegotha.org/virtual.

We Gather to Worship

Music of Preparation (Video)

It is well with my soul

Call to Worship Adapted from Revelation 15:3-4

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

People: Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Leader: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy.

People: All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

#139 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, we come to You this morning first to give You our worship and praise. You are the King, You are the Lord, You are the one who did indeed create us and give us life. You never leave us. You are always reaching out Your hand to lift us up. We praise You. But we also come because we need to confess our sins to You, to open the hidden places of our hearts before You. We confess that we forget that You love us more than anything and that You call us to follow You alone. We too often arrange our lives around the idols of this world and not around You. We want what others have or what they tell us to want. We are afraid of rejection by the world, forgetting that You are the only one we need to serve. We look for love in ways that will never bring us peace or lasting joy. Please forgive us. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance

"If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." 1 John 1:8-9

Affirmation of Faith

We confess that God alone is Lord of the conscience, but this freedom is for the purpose of allowing us to be subject always and primarily to God's Word. The Spirit will never prompt our conscience to conclusions that are at odds with the Scriptures that He has inspired. The revelation of the incarnate Word does not minimize, qualify, or set aside the authority of the written Word. We are happy to confess ourselves captive to the Word of God, not just individually, but also as members of a community of faith, extending through time and around the globe. (From the Essential Tenets of ECO)

Gloria Patri**Children's Message(Video)****Passing of the Peace****Offertory Hymn**

#713 Seek Ye First

Offertory Prayer

We are collecting money for Souper Bowl of Caring in the Narthex after the service today or online at saxegotha.org/give. Donations collected will be matched by Eastminster Presbyterian Church. All proceeds will then go to Mission Lexington.

Anthem

The Lord is my Salvation

Bumper Video**We Hear God's Word****Message**

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We Respond to God's Word**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer****Invitation and Benediction****Closing Hymn**

#589 "Here I am Lord"

Postlude

"Postlude on 'Coronation'" Jason D. Payne
