



The Compassionate Employer (Matthew 20:1-16) August 16, 2020

Stories that Matter

Prelude

"Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul"
Piano Duet arr. Innes and Fasig

Celebration of Community

Welcome to live and online worship here at Saxe Gotha. Remember that the 8:30 Traditional service and the 11:00 AWE Contemporary service are being live streamed and are available on YouTube this morning.

-Please join us in welcoming new member John Mackenzie.

-The youth are planning to pack food bags for the backpack ministry. We are accepting food or monetary donations for this event. Food items should be left in the narthex, atrium or outside of the main office in the box labeled "backpack ministry." Monetary donations can be made to SGPC with "backpack ministry" in the memo line.

-The First Impressions Team is in need of Ushers and CREW members. To Volunteer, please go to saxegotha.org/news. All volunteers assist once every 6 weeks.

-To keep everyone safe at this time of worship we appreciate you all wearing masks and also for not joining in on congregational singing. We want to make sure that everyone stays safe and well.

This morning we welcome Malechi Doren at the piano who is filling in for our own Cathy McGill. Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Music of Preparation

We Gather to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

Opening Hymn

Come, Let us praise the Lord (Tune: Darwall #370)

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that we have praised you with our lips
but have not glorified you with our lives.

Have mercy on us, we pray,
for our weak faith that fades under pressure,
for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly dies,
for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue.

Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in your power,
that we may live for justice and tell of your loving-kindness
by our acts as by our words, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

1 Peter 1:3-5

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Affirmation of Faith

Children's Message(Video)

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Hymn

#377 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (Hyfrydol) Verses 1 & 3

Offertory Prayer

Anthem (VIDEO)

Morning Has Broken (Handbell Duet)

We Hear God's Word

Message

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We Respond to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation and Benediction

Closing Song

For the Fruit of All Creation (GTG hymnal #36)

Postlude

"Postlude on 'Coronation'" Jason D. Payne
