



Esther

January 10, 2021

Characters – Rev. Dr. Jim Glatz

Prelude

Celebration of Community

Welcome to online worship here at Saxe Gotha.

- We have many Virtual Options Available to Worship and Fellowship:

1. Virtual Sunday School for Adults, Students and Kids
2. Wednesday Night Classes and Programming for all ages begin virtually on Wednesday, January 13.
3. Caring Connections Brotherhood and Men's Bible Study
4. Tuesday and Thursday Devotionals on YouTube

To find out more about these Virtual Options, please go to saxegotha.org/virtual or contact Meredith Cully at mcully@saxegotha.org

- The Saxe Gotha Campus is closed for the next two weeks out of an abundance of caution.

Music of Preparation

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"....arr. Mark Hayes

We Gather to Worship

Call to Worship

From Ecclesiastes 3

Leader: For everything there is a season:

People: And a time for every matter under heaven:

Leader: A time to be born and a time to die.

People: A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.

Leader: A time to break down, and a time to build up.

People: A time to weep and a time to laugh.

Leader: A time to keep and a time to throw away.

People: A time to be silent and a time to speak.

Leader: A time to love and a time to hate.

People: A time for war and a time for peace.

Leader: God has made everything suitable for its time.

People: God has put a sense of past and future into our minds.

Leader: God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

People: Whatever God does endures forever! Let us worship Him!

Opening Hymn

#82 "Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore Him

Prayer for the New Year

Drawn from a collection of Puritan Prayers

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O Lord,
I launch my bark on the unknown waters of this year:
With Thee, O Father as my harbour,
Thee, O Son, at my helm,
Thee O Holy Spirit, filling my sails.

Guide me to heaven:
With my loins girt,
My lamp burning,
My ear open to Thy calls,
My heart full of love,
My soul free.

Give me:
Thy grace to sanctify me,
Thy comforts to cheer,
Thy wisdom to teach,
Thy right hand to guide,
Thy counsel to instruct,
Thy law to judge,
Thy presence to stabilize.

May:
Thy fear be my awe,
Thy triumphs my joy.

Length of days does not profit me except the days are passed:
In Thy presence,
In Thy service,
To Thy glory.

Give me a grace that:
Precedes,
Follows,
Guides,
Sustains,
Sanctifies,
Aids every hour.

That I may not be one moment apart from Thee, but may rely on Thy Spirit:
To supply every thought,
Speak in every word,
Direct every step,
Prosper every work,
Build up every mote of faith.

And give me a desire:
To show forth Thy praise;
Testify Thy love,
And advance Thy kingdom.

Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

Gloria Patri #813

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Children's Message(Video)

Passing of the Peace

Doxology #815

Offertory Prayer

Anthem

"How Many Kings"

We Hear God's Word

Characters (Bumper Video)

Message

Esther: The Brave Deliverer

Selections from Esther

We Respond to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Invitation and Benediction

Closing Hymn

#811 "Another Year is Dawning"

Organ Postlude
