



Matthew 7:1-5

**August 23, 2020**

Stories that Matter: The Speck and the Plank

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### **Prelude**

"His Holiness and Power"

arr. David Carnes and Beth Humber

Piano/Organ Duet

### **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.

-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 Next Generation Back to School party will be on Wednesday, August 26 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Light House parking lot. We will have food, games, photo booth, fellowship, tie dye projects, and more. We will also have a time to pray with and for you.

- Join us for a Virtual Communion Service on Sunday evening, August 30 at 6:30 pm on YouTube. We will gather together for communion and to pray for the upcoming school year.

-Wednesday Nights start back on September 9. You can bring your own dinner and drink at 5:30 pm in the gym and then classes will be at 6:30 pm.

-To keep everyone safe at this time of worship we appreciate you all wearing masks. We celebrate congregational singing again this morning so feel free to join in.

### **We Gather to Worship**

### **Music of Preparation (Video)**

Anna Cully- piano solo

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 96:1-2, NIV

Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

proclaim his salvation day after day.

### **Opening Hymn**

#526 The Solid Rock (Verse 1,2,3)

## **Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes  
and our happiness than to your will.  
We eat without a thought for the hungry.  
We speak without an effort to understand others.  
We keep silent instead of telling the truth.  
We judge others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge.  
We act in accordance with our opinions rather  
than according to your commands.  
Within your church we are slow to practice love of our neighbors.  
And in the world we are not your faithful servants.  
Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ,  
your Son, our Savior. Amen.

## **Affirmation of Faith From ECO Essential Tenets**

The clearest declaration of God's glory is found in His Word, both incarnate and written. The Son eternally proceeds from the Father as His Word, the full expression of the Father's nature, and since in the incarnation the Word became flesh all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are offered to His disciples. The written Word grants us those treasures, proclaims the saving gospel of Jesus Christ, and graciously teaches all that is necessary for faith and life. We glorify God by recognizing and receiving His authoritative self-revelation, both in the infallible Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and also in the incarnation of God the Son. We affirm that the same Holy Spirit who overshadowed the virgin Mary also inspired the writing and preservation of the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit testifies to the authority of God's Word and illumines our hearts and minds so that we might receive both the Scriptures and Christ Himself aright.

## **Words of Assurance**

Psalm 103:8-12  
The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
He will not always accuse,  
nor will he harbor his anger forever;  
he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

## **Gloria Patri**

## **Children's Message(Video)**

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Offertory Hymn**

Doxology

## **Offertory Prayer**

We thank those that participated in "Drive Thru" prayer this week.

## **Anthem**

All I have is Christ

## **We Hear God's Word**

## **Message**

"The Speck and Plank" Matthew 7: 1-5

## **We Respond to God's Word**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Invitation and Benediction**

## **Closing Hymn**

#480 Only Trust Him

**Postlude**

"Postlude on 'Madrid'"  
Organ

David Lasky

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