



The Rich Mand and Lazarus

September 6, 2020

Stories that Matter

Prelude

"Mighty to Save"

arr. Mary McDonald and Larry Shackley
Piano/ Organ

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.

-Visitor Cards are located in the pew racks. Please fill these in and place in the offering baskets as you leave.

-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. Classes will meet in the following locations: Adults - Sanctuary, Students - LH Auditorium, Kids - GaGa Pit Tent or if raining, in the Gym (office side).

- The option for in person Sunday School resumes on September 13. Please check saxegotha.org/news for class plans and locations. Also next week *We will begin a new sermon Series called Characters*

- Saxe Gotha Officer Nomination forms are available in the Narthex, Light House Auditorium Welcome Booth and online at saxegotha.org/news. Please prayerfully consider nominating church members that you feel will serve our congregation well as an elder or deacon. Forms are due by October 1.

-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

Cathy McGill- Piano Solo. "Give Me Jesus"....Traditional Spiritual arr. John Purifoy

Call to Worship

from Psalm 146

LEADER: Hallelujah! My soul, praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing to my God as long as I live. Do not trust in nobles, in a son of man, who cannot save.

PEOPLE: When his breath leaves him, he returns to the ground; on that day his plans die.

L: Happy is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them. He remains faithful forever, executing justice for the exploited and giving food to the hungry.

P: The Lord frees prisoners. The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord raises up those who are oppressed. The Lord loves the righteous.

L: The Lord protects resident aliens and helps the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

ALL: The Lord reigns forever; Zion, your God reigns for all generations. Hallelujah!

Opening Hymn

#435 God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer of Confession

We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us.

Forgive us, God of Reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever. Hear now our silent personal confession before you.

Words of Assurance

This is the good news that comes from God:

I will hear your prayers, I will answer with hope and peace, I will deliver you from your sins.

God has covered us with grace; And through the power of the Holy Spirit

And under Christ's hope we will find shelter. Thanks be to God.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Affirmation of Faith

from ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians Essential Tenets

Jesus teaches us that we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind. There is no part of human life that is off limits to the sanctifying claims of God. We reject the claim that love of any sort is self-justifying; we affirm that all our affections and desires must be brought under God's authority. We reject the claim that human souls are unaffected by the fall and remain naturally inclined to God; we affirm that soul and body alike must be cleansed and purified in order to love God properly. We reject the claim that the life of the mind is independent from faith; we affirm that unless we believe we cannot properly understand either God or the world around us

Gloria Patri

Children's Message(Video)

Passing of the Peace

Doxology #815

Offertory Prayer

-Thank you for all who donated food items to Sistercare on Tuesday.

-YouTube shared some monthly stats that we thought you might be interested in. We now have 507 subscribers. We gained ten in the last month. During the last month we had 3,678 views, and those viewers watched a total of 50,063 minutes. We thank God for this opportunity to reach so many in and outside of our community.

Anthem(VIDEO)

How Can I keep from Singing?

We Hear God's Word

Message

The Rich Man and Lazarus Luke 16:19-31

We Respond to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation and Benediction

Closing Hymn

#235 Take the name of Jesus with you

Postlude

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Organ