



**Nicodemus: A Curious Follower**  
**John 3:1-14 (Memorial Day Weekend)**

**May 30, 2021**

**Characters**  
**Rev. Helen Harrison Ham**

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### **Prelude**

"Prelude in Classic Style"

Gordon Young/Lani Smith  
Organ and Piano

### **Celebration of Community**

Hello! Welcome to in person and online worship here at Saxe Gotha. We're glad you're here to join in!

For those here in person, we want to let you know that masks are now optional.

- We especially want to welcome our visitors today. Please fill out our online Visitor Form so that we can connect with you: [saxegotha.org/visit](http://saxegotha.org/visit). There are also visitors cards in the pew racks please fill those out and leave in the baskets at the end of the service.

- Beginning next week, June 6, all 3 services will be back! 8:30 am Traditional in the Sanctuary, 10:45 am Contemporary in the Light House and 11:00 am Traditional in the Sanctuary.

- A Women's Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, June 1 for women college-age and above. For more information, go to [saxegotha.org/summer](http://saxegotha.org/summer).

- Family Vacation Bible School will be held in the evening, June 28- July 1. Please register: [saxegotha.org/summer](http://saxegotha.org/summer).

### **MEMORIAL DAY (VIDEO)**

#### **Taps**

Please stand

#### **We Gather to Worship**

#### **Call to Worship**

L: Sing to the LORD a new song;

P: sing to the LORD, all the earth.

L: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

P: proclaim his salvation day after day.

#### **Opening Hymn**

#401 "The Church's one foundation"

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when

we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Thanks be to God.  
—based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles Creed

### **Gloria Patri**

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

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Offertory Hymn**

Doxology

### **Offertory Prayer**

Thank you to the graduates, parents and volunteers that made the Senior Banquet a night to remember.

### **Anthem(VIDEO)**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

### **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**

#572 Blessed Assurance

### **Postlude**

"Psalm 19"

Organ

Marcello

### **Baptism:**

Patrick and Kate Cherry's daughter, Riley Burke Cherry, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on today during the 11:00 am Contemporary Service.

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