

SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF CHRIST
Close Encounters: Meeting Jesus ~ March 22, 2020

Greeting and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* #110
Words and Music: Martin Luther, 1529; trans by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 (Psalm 46)

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our help he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

Opening Scripture Psalm 71 select verses (NLT)

Children's Message

Song *I Love You, Lord*
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I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Message *Transformed: Bent Woman*
Scripture Luke 13:10-17

Special Music *My Hope is You*

Time of Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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Announcements and Invitation to Give
Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn

Amazing Grace (vs. 1, 3 & 4)
Words: John Newton, 1779; Music: 19th century USA melody

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1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found was blind, but now I see.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Benediction

STORY STARTERS

- ◆ **What was your first car?**
- ◆ **Who was instrumental in you meeting Jesus?**
- ◆ **How long have you lived in the Chesterton area?**
- ◆ **Describe a time in worship that was meaningful to you.**
- ◆ **Tell about the last movie you watched or book you read.**
- ◆ **Where did your name come from?**
- ◆ **Why are you a part of our church?**
- ◆ **Tell about a special personal or family tradition at Lent/Easter.**
- ◆ **What do you do for fun or for relaxation?**
- ◆ **How do you sense God caring for you?**
- ◆ **How do you sense God challenging you?**
- ◆ **As a child, who was your favorite cartoon or TV show character?**
- ◆ **What is the riskiest thing you have ever done because of your faith?**
- ◆ **What is the last concert you attended?**
- ◆ **Be encouraging to someone near you!**