

Eagle River Presbyterian Church

March 22, 2020

“A Home Worship Experience”

Gathering To Celebrate the Word

WELCOME

Pastor Rob Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP:

(Adapted from 1 John 3)

“For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another....We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

(A Prayer of St. Patrick)

*I arise today
Through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me
Afar and anear,
Alone or in a multitude.*

SONG OF WORSHIP:

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” (* #1)

Sue Reid & Matt Lewis

*Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return sweet hour of prayer*

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer

The joys I feel the bliss I share

Of those whose anxious spirits burn

With strong desires for thy return

With such I hasten to the place

Where God my Savior shows His face

And gladly take my station there

And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer

Thy wings shall my petition bear

To Him whose truth and faithfulness

Engage the waiting soul to bless

And since He bids me seek His face

Believe His Word and trust His grace

I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care

And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

(A Prayer of St Patrick)

*Christ shield me today
Against wounding
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrating the Word Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE:

Mark 12:28-34

SERMON: “Corona Chaos, A Blessed Bike Ride, and Radical Love”
Pastor Rob Wilson

Responding to the Word

RESPONSIVE SONG: “Blest Be The Tie That Binds” (*
#2)

Sue Reid & Matt Lewis

*Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above*

*Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears our hopes our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares
We share each other's woes
Our mutual burdens bear
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear*

*This glorious hope revives
Our courage by the way
While each in expectation lives
And longs to see the day*

Being Sent Into The World

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS:

- 1. In this time of chaos, how are you connecting vertically with God each day?***
- 2. In this time of chaos, how are you loving your neighbor and family members as Jesus commanded? What acts of love and care have you witnessed in the last week?***
- 3. Who is a person or a group of people whom you are struggling to show Jesus' radical call of love to right now?***
- 4. Pastor Rob says that history will look upon us to evaluate how we responded to this crisis. If you were writing that history, what words would you hope describe you and your responses?***

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH:

- 1. How can you connect with God each day as Pastor Rob talked about Jesus' command to “love God with all our heart, all of our mind, all of our soul, and all of our strength”.***
- 2. Since you cannot be around friends right now because of social distancing and online school, how can you “love others” as Jesus commanded?***
- 3. You are probably around your family a lot more this week! How are you feeling about that and using Pastor Rob's illustration of giving ‘hand signals’ of love to people on a bike ride, have each family member tell what they consider to be an act of love and care? (To help in this conversation, the 5 Love Languages are : acts of service, words of affirmation, gifts of appreciation, physical touch, quality time)***

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