Sermon

'Test the Spirits'

Rev. Scott Graham

Series: 1 John – Living in God's Light and Love

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

**Doxology* Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Dismissing Hymn No. 96

'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name'

*Benediction

Postlude

'Count Your Blessings'

~Excell

We're glad you joined us for worship today! Please wait for the ushers to tell you when your row may be excused. We encourage you to spend time conversing with others outside. Please keep your mask on while in the building unless a medical condition prevents it. We invite you to place your financial tithes and offerings in one of the boxes in the back of the sanctuary before or following service. Thank you.

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We welcome you to the worship of God Almighty this Lord's Day. It is our intention to bring glory and honor to Him. God enters our time of worship and we remember this time belongs to Him. Your Worship Commission *Please stand, if you are able.

Preparation in Silence

A moderately bad man knows he is not very good; a thoroughly bad man thinks he is all right.

~C.S. Lewis

Prayer isn't meant to be a production or a problem. God is here, now. Prayer is meant to be the conversation where your life and God meet.

A praying life is an oddly normal way to live. The best our world has to offer is to teach you how to talk to yourself. But Jesus lives and teaches something different. He shows us how to start talking with the God who rules the world, who has freely chosen to take your best interests to heart.

~David Powlison

Westminster Chimes and Announcements

Prelude

'Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring'

~Bach

**Call to Worship* (from Hebrews 12:1-3) Stacey Rider, Lay Assistant Leader: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

People: For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of God.

Leader: Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people, **People:** So that we will not grow weary and lose heart.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Help us recognize when our hearts and our worship try to shape You into what we want instead of shaping us into what You want. Lord, help us meet you here, and allow us to bow before your unspeakable majesty and mercy. . . (silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

*Creed

from The Westminster Confession

In his eternal purpose it pleased God to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the mediator between God and man. Jesus is the prophet, priest, and king, the head and savior of his church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world. From all eternity God gave him a people to be his seed and to be in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified by him.

Minute for MissionsJale Haas, Ruling Elder
Missions CommitteeChildren's MessageJoel Cunniff, Children & Youth Director

Scripture Readings

1 John 4:1-10 <u>Leader:</u> The Word of the Lord ~ <u>People:</u> Thanks be to God ~ Lg.print #1899/pew #862 Lg.print/New ed. #1857