

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 | JAMES I

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."  
Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger,  
O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living!  
Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord!

*From Psalm 27*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Eternal God,  
we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church:  
we have not done your will;  
we have broken your law;  
we have rebelled against your love;  
we have not loved our neighbors;  
we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is the good news of the gospel for all those who put their faith in Jesus:

“Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

*1 Peter 2:21-24*

Christians - Jesus Christ offers you full and complete healing through the suffering he endured on the cross. The punishment that should have been ours was placed on his shoulders. Through faith in him you can experience the freedom of living a life in the service of others, completely giving yourself over to God in gratitude for what he has done!

Thanks be to God!

## **BENEDICTION**

People of God — Go now from this place in the love of the Father, in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.