



April 5, 2020 • 10:30 am
Preaching: Rev. Nollie Malabuyo

Welcome and Announcements

All the song lyrics are printed in the back.

God Calls Us to Worship

* Call to Worship Psalm 90:1-4, 7-8, 13-14

* God's Greeting 2 John 3

* Opening Prayer

Almighty and Merciful God, O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you. These we can do only through the power of Your Word and Spirit. Therefore, how our souls hunger and thirst for Your Word preached, sung and prayed every Lord's Day! We long for that day when this outbreak is over when we will again worship You together in spirit and in truth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Song of Praise *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*.....#222:1-4, 7

God's Will for Our Lives

Reading of God's Law Matthew 22:37-40

Prayer of Confession Read Daniel 9:4-19
(*Daniel's prayer when he read from the prophecy of Jeremiah that the exile was near its end*)

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 32:1-2, 10-11

God Hears Our Prayer

Reading of Creed *Heidelberg Catechism 27 & 28 (p 876)*

Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty— all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

Congregational Prayer

Praise God for his creation, preservation and provisions.

Thank God also for his mercy and patience, and also his discipline when he sends trials and sufferings.

Pray for the salvation of those who have not heard the gospel, or those who have rejected it.

Pray for the Church universal: Pray for ministers and congregations that they may truly please God.

Pray for the President, Congress, justices and judges, and state and local governments. Pray for wisdom in this outbreak.

Pray for medical workers, emergency responders and police officers.

Pray for all those who have been affected by the coronavirus, especially those in Italy, China, Spain, and in our nation.

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings *General Fund*
(*You can mail your offerings to the church Treasurer.*)

Song of Thanksgiving..... 557:1,2,4
Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer

God Declares His Truth

Scripture Reading Joel 1:1-20; 2 Peter 3:8-10

Sermon..... **PLAGUE! WEEP AND WAIL! LAMENT AND MOURN!**

* Song of Response *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #429:1-3

God Blesses Us

* Benediction..... 2 Corinthians 13:14

* Doxology..... *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #567

222: O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES

PAST

Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2. Under the shadow of your
throne

Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,

From everlasting you are God,
To endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the
night

Before the rising sun.

7. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

**557: GREAT KING OF NATIONS,
HEAR OUR PRAYER**

While at your feet we fall,
And humbly, with united cry,
To you for mercy call.

2. The guilt is ours, but grace is
yours,

O turn us not away;

But hear us from your lofty
throne,

And help us when we pray.

4. When dangers, like a stormy
sea,

Beset our country round,
To you we looked, to you we
cried,

And help in you was found.

**446: COME, THOU FOUNT OF
EVERY BLESSING**

Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious
sonnet,

Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon
it,

Mount of God's unchanging love.

3. O to grace how great a
debtor

Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:

Here's my heart, O take and seal
it,

Seal it for thy courts above.



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Plague! Weep and Wail!

Lament and Mourn!

Joel 1:1-20; 2 Peter 3:8-10

O Lord, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled. According to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from us because for our sins (Daniel 9:5, 16).



NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020: The Day of the LORD is Near!

Joel 2:1-17; Matthew 24:32-34