

Music to Gather

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Welcome, Community News & Greeting One Another

* Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 51:1-10 (NRSV)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in
your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and
blameless when you pass judgment.**

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in
my secret heart.

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I
shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the
bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my
sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

* Opening Song 554

“Out of the Depths”

Prayer of Longing

An Assurance of God’s Grace and Peace

God’s Word

2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9 (NRSV)

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle,
David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they
ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David
remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when
David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of
the king’s house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the
woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about

the woman. It was reported, “This is Bathsheba daughter of
Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.” So David sent messengers
to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. Then she
returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent
and told David, “I am pregnant.”

The wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, and she
made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over,
David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his
wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done
displeased the LORD and the LORD sent Nathan to David.

Nathan came to David, and said to him, “There were two men
in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man
had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had
nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He
brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it
used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie
in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there
came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one
of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had
come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared
that for the guest who had come to him.”

Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He
said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this
deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he
did this thing, and because he had no pity.” Nathan said to
David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:
I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the
hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house, and your
master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of
Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would
have added as much more. Why have you despised the word
of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck
down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife

to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites

“A Hard Look in the Mirror”

Daniel Harrell



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October 23, 2022

- * **A Song of Faith 519** **“Standing in the Need of Prayer”**
Joys and Concerns + Prayer + Our Lord's Prayer
Invitation to Give + We Gather our Gifts
- * **Our Song of Thanks:**
 “O how I love Jesus
 “O how I love Jesus
 “O how I love Jesus whose love has first found me.”
- * **Prayer of Dedication for Our Offerings**
- * **A Closing Song 491** **“Awake My Soul”**
- * **Blessing**
- * **Music as We Go Out**

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