

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”
2 Peter 3:18*

Sermon Notes

Title: “Spiritual Listening” by Rev. John Downs

Text: 1 John 4:1-6

He became like us so that we might become like him.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:11-22

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Psalm 1

Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; you abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful. But, Lord, we are evildoers. We are boastful, deceitful and bloodthirsty. By your mercy alone, by the abundance of your steadfast love may we enter your house. Because of your Son, O Lord, let us find refuge in you. Take away our sins and let us sing for joy. Cover us with your favor as with a shield. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Here Is Love Vast As The Ocean

†CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed, Elder Ed Baker

WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

O Word Of God Incarnate

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Brian Riedel

WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

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WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD’S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

†SONG OF RESPONSE

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

†BENEDICTION

†DOXOLOGY

† Congregation standing, as you are able

I. Test the spirits v. 1-3

II. Trust the witness v. 4-6

Application – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).

Our responsibility, by God’s grace and power, is to consistently apply the truths of God’s Word that we have heard to our lives (Phil. 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on the sermon and this passage of Scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a principle to follow?