

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 17, 2022

10:00am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE My Soul, Now Bless Your Maker Dietrich Buxtehude
My soul, now praise your Maker! / Let all within me bless His name (1637-1707)
Who makes you full partaker / Of mercies more than you dare claim.
- Johann Poliander (1487-1541); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878);
paraphrasing Psalm 103

*CALL TO WORSHIP in unison

Praise be to you, O Lord.

Who spins shining stars across the wondrous heavens
and stretches out the seas

Who lifts the dawn into place
and sets boundaries for night

Who awes the earth with storms
and gentiles it with green

Who gives everything a season
and who breathes life and love into the dust of me.

Praise be to you.

Praise from all creature,
laughers and list makers,
wonderers and worriers,
the wrinkled, the newborn,
the whale and the worm,

From all praise.

Praise to you for your amazing grace.

*HYMN 86 (blue) Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided –
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

*INVOCATION in unison

Praise and gratitude. Lord, you know these two actions,
these two postures or attitudes, go hand in hand.

Praise for your creation yields gratitude for its beauty.
Gratitude for creation's splendor yields praise to you, O God.

How blessed are we to have this life: to sense the wonders all around
us; to know the love of family, friends, neighbors; to experience the
privilege and pleasure of returning our gratitude for it all to you, as
we're gathered here in worship within this beloved community.

Help us, we pray, to cultivate lives of appreciation; not to take any of it
for granted or miss the myriad gifts of grace which we encounter each
and every day. Open us, here and now, to sense your presence and
mercy as we worship this day.

With thanksgiving to You for it all, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Trish Walton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON responsively Psalm 114, 115:1

All: O Praise the Lord.

One: When Israel came out of Egypt,
Jacob from a people of outlandish speech,
Judah became his sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and ran away:
Jordan turned back.
The mountains skipped like rams,
The hills like young sheep.
What was it sea? Why did you run?
Jordan, why did you look back?
Why, mountains, did you skip rams,
and you, hills, like young sheep?
Dance, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
who turned rock into a pool of water,
The granite cliff into a fountain

All: Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
but to thy name ascribe the glory,
For thy true love and for thy constancy.

SERMON Rev. Gayle Whittemore & Rev. Dr. Jim Howard

CHORAL ANTHEM I Choose Love

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*HYMN 272 (red) Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our sins are one, Our comforts and our cares.
3. We share each other's woes, Each other's burdens bear,
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.
4. When we are called to part It gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again.

SERVICE OF STEWARDSHIP

The Giving of Our Gifts

Interlude My Soul, Now Bless Your Maker Johann Sebastian Bach

*Doxology 515 (red) and Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 293 (red) Come, Labor On

1. Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain
While all around him waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."
2. Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share;
To young and old the gospel gladness bear;
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.
3. Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here;
By feeblest agents may our God fulfill His righteous will.
4. Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
And a glad sound comes with the setting, sun, "Well done, well done!"

*COMMISSION

Leader: As we go out to be the body of Christ in the world,
let us remember the three great loves to which our
faith calls us:

**People: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind;
love your neighbor as yourself; and love and care
for the earth and all that dwells therein.***

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE My Soul, Now Bless Your Maker Jan Bender

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