

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

October 10, 2021

Preparation for Worship

Prelude Prelude on *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Gordon Young

Welcome & Announcements

*Prayer of Invocation

Gathering God, bring us together to sing a new song. Loving God, sometimes our voices are loud and confident, sometimes our voices are weak and shaky, sometimes our voices echo our joy, sometimes our voices cry out with pain. Gathering God, bring us together to sing a new song.

*Call to Worship

Leader: God is like the gentle shepherd,

People: Leading us beyond our wants,

Leader: Leading us beyond our fears,

People: Leading us to a place of rest,

Leader: Where we sing the music of God's love

People: And feel new strength to walk through the valleys and shadows of life.

*Hymn Of Praise

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
may live eternally.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

O Lord, you have proven Your faithfulness over and over, but when trouble and difficulties come, still we tend to focus on the problems and become overwhelmed with fear and worry. Even in trouble we can trust you and give thanks. Even when we walk through dark shadows and valleys, you are with us to give us hope and show us the way. Forgive us when we are forgetful of your presence and power. Renew our strength and faith. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, forgiveness comes from God, who does not count our sin against us. For God has reconciled us through Christ and entrusts to us the message of reconciliation. Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

The Children's Time

Brian Mitchell

The Act of Offering

Offertory

May This Church Be a Welcome Place
LPC Chancel Choir

Joel Rainey

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

The Word of God Proclaimed

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-16, Psalm 23

Sermon

A Place of Hope

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Response Of God's People

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Commitment**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;

drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

Sinfonia

G. F. Handel

The Floral Arrangement in the Chancel this morning is given by Martha Valent in celebration the October birthdays of her granddaughters Riley and Mary Parker.

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