

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

October 31, 2021

Preparation for Worship

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Arr. Ross Anderson

Welcome & Announcements

*Prayer of Invocation

Master Creator, Generous Giver, Loving God, Lord of all; we can't keep from singing your praises! When we consider all that you are and all that we have received from you, we are compelled to celebrate and worship. In this hour, accept the offering of our songs and prayers, our meditations and commitments. Accept the offering of our whole selves. All glory belongs to you. Hallelujah! Amen.

*Call to Worship

One: From the small to the great, and from the great to the small, sing to God, for God has done marvelous things.

Women: Let the electrons circle their nuclei, let the earth spin on its axis.

Men: Let the moons orbit the planets, let the planets orbit the Sun.

One: Let the Sun spiral in its galaxy, let the galaxies revolve around their Creator.

All: Together for Joy!

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*Hymn Of Praise

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!

Refrain:

In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend;
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified! (*Refrain*)

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er
the ages long! (*Refrain*)

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord of Mercy, we come to ask again for your forgiveness. As we remember how generous and kind you are to us, we realize that we do not always respond as we should. Sometimes we take your

gifts for granted and forget to offer thanks. Sometimes we complain, and sometimes we worry that what you have provided is not enough. We hold on to things too tightly and hold faith in you too loosely. Forgive us these things, and help us to always embrace gratitude that results in joyful and generous living. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Listen! Here is good news: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners;" to forgive us in our follies and foibles; to accept us as we are; to set us free from the powers of darkness and to make us what we were meant to be. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

***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

Like a River in My Soul
LPC Chancel Choir

Arr. Tim Osiek

***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**

Responsive Prayer of Dedication

We dedicate our gifts to you, O God.

**Help us to use them to glorify you; to be vessels of your work
in this world.**

We dedicate our pledges to you, O God.

**Guide our leaders as they prepare us financially for the
upcoming year.**

Use us, O God, to do your work in this world.

**Encourage us to see that we are all ministers called into the
Body of Christ. Use us in your service.**

We pray over these gifts, blessing them in the name of the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Scripture

Psalm 98
Luke 19:1-10

Sermon

God Has Done Marvelous Things

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** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.
Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.
So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

Crown Him Lord of All

Gilbert M. Martin

The Floral Arrangement in the Chancel this morning is given by Mary and Tom Abboud to the glory of God and in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on November 5.

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