



## Morning Worship

April 25, 2021

*Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song of praise in the assembly of his faithful people.*

*Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp.*

*For the Lord takes delight in his people; let his faithful people rejoice in this honor.*

*~ taken from Psalm 149*

### Invitation to Worship

Greg Stahl, Associate Pastor

### Instrumental Prelude

Kathleen Wilkins & Joseph Fuller

### Hymns of Praise

#### ***Brethren, We Have Met to Worship***

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him;  
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found;  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;  
Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.  
Then He'll call us home to Heaven, at His table we'll sit down;  
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

#### ***Here I Am to Worship***

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You

#### ***Chorus:***

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted,  
Glorious in Heaven above;

Humbly You came to the Earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

***Chorus***

I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross (*repeat*)

***Chorus***

**Opening Sentences**

*Inspired by Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6*

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called:

***We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone,  
so we gather as God's people.***

Lead a life worthy of your calling, a life filled with service and meekness.

***We come to build up Christ's Body,  
in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.***

Lead a life which reflects your calling,  
that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

***We rejoice in our oneness in Christ;  
we would share the grace offered to us.***

Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

***We gather as God's family at the Table of worship and fellowship prepared for us,  
waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.***

**Morning Prayer**

**Words of Welcome**

**Christian Johns, Youth Minister**

**Choral Worship**

**Sanctuary Choir**

***Within These Walls***

*words and music by Pepper Choplin*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Dr. Brian Brewer, Interim Pastor**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Congregation**

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

## **Songs of Assurance**

### ***Children of God***

#### ***Chorus:***

Children of God, we are marching to Zion,  
Children of God, we are marching to Zion.  
Children of God, we are marching to Zion,  
Step by step all the way.

In my walk you can see me trying.  
In my walk you can see me trying.  
In my walk you can see me trying.  
Step by step all the way.

#### ***Chorus***

In my talk, you can hear me trying.  
In my talk, you can hear me trying.  
In my talk, you can hear me trying.  
Step by step all the way.

#### ***Chorus***

In my prayer you can hear me trying.  
In my prayer you can hear me trying.  
In my prayer you can hear me trying.  
Step by step all the way.

#### ***Chorus***

### ***Higher Ground***

I'm pressing on the upward way,  
New heights I'm gaining every day;  
Still praying as I onward bound,  
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

#### ***Chorus:***

Lord, lift me up and let me stand,  
By faith, on heaven's tableland,  
A higher plane than I have found;  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height  
And catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I'll pray till heaven I've found,  
"Lord, lead me on to higher ground."

***Chorus***

**Sermon**

**Dr. Brewer**

***The Ministry of Reconciliation***

Ephesians 4:1-6, 25-32

Matthew 18:15-20

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**Closing Song**

***We Are Travelers on a Journey***

We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.  
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.  
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

**Benediction**

Dr. Brewer

**Postlude**

Kathleen Wilkins, Organist