



Morning Worship

May 23, 2021

*Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
Bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.
Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

~ Proverbs 3:3-6

Invitation to Worship

Christian Johns, Youth Minister

Instrumental Prelude

Kathleen Wilkins, Organist

Words of Celebration

Let Us Sing to the Lord

God's Revelation:

Let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

He is to be revered above all gods.

The God who made the world and everything in it does not live in shrines made by human hands,

Since He Himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

(Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7; 96:1-2, 4; Acts 17:24-25)

Our Response:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, what has drawn you to this place?

We have come to worship the Rock of our salvation.

God is not confined to this place; God is always with you. God came with you.

We have come to worship with each other.

How do you propose to worship so great a God?

Through praise and prayer, with tears of confession and joy, we will bow at God's feet.

God owns the cattle on a thousand hills, the earth, the sea, and sky.

What do you have to offer so great a God?

We offer our lives and our livelihood to God, to each other, to all who seek.

We bring offerings of mercy, justice and peace.

When you leave this place, God will go with you.

We shall live as we worship, aware of God's presence.

Hymn 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.

Morning Prayer

Words of Welcome

Greg Stahl, Associate Pastor

Hymn of Promise

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise;
The morning light the, lily white declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King! Let heaven ring! God reigns! Let earth be glad!

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Brian Brewer, Interim Pastor

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 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen

Choral Worship

Sanctuary Choir

Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace

text by St. Francis of Assisi; music by Mary McDonald

Dr. Sarah Spencer, accompanist

Hymn of Assurance

It Is Well with My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Chorus:

It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul),
It is well, it is well, with my soul!

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought:
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so,” it is well with my soul!

Chorus

Sermon

Dr. Brewer

The Pursuit of Happiness

Psalm 128

Closing Song

Have Faith In God

Have faith in God when your pathway is lonely.
He sees and knows all the way you have trod;
Never alone are the least of His children;
Have faith in God, have faith in God.

Chorus:

Have faith in God, He's on His throne;
Have faith in God, He watches o'er His own;
He cannot fail, He must prevail; have faith in God, have faith in God.

Have faith in God though all else fail about you;
Have faith in God, He provides for His own;
He cannot fail though all kingdoms shall perish,
He rules, He reigns upon His throne.

Chorus

Special Presentation

Benediction

Dr. Brewer

Postlude

Kathleen Wilkins