



Morning Worship

Mother's Day

May 9, 2021

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

~Psalm 139:23-24

Invitation to Worship

Christian Johns, Youth Minister

Instrumental Prelude

Kathleen Wilkins, Organist

Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly forever adore Him.

Words of Welcome

Greg Stahl, Associate Pastor

Children Are a Priceless Treasure

Hymn of Blessing

Children Are a Gift from Heaven

Children are a gift from heaven, each soul trusting and unique—
God's example of faith's journey for all people who will seek.

Chorus:

Children are a priceless treasure, sent from heaven like a dove;
Poetry yet to be written, they bring laughter, joy, and love!

Children help us to discover how our lives should be each day;
Joy unbounded, grace, forgiveness are the lights that mark the way.

Chorus

They surprise us as we listen to each question, thought, and plea;
Unexpected pleasures find us through their innocence and glee.

Chorus

Children need our care and guidance, teaching with each word and deed;
For they watch our actions closely, learning how to serve and lead.

Chorus

Parent and Child Dedication

Francine Lynn “Franci” Gutknecht

Bill & Christine Gutknecht, parents
Gregg, big brother

Ellington “Ellie” So

Raymond & Glory So, parents
Remington, big brother

Spoken Words of Dedication

Leader: Today we have the privilege of celebrating with the Gutknecht and So families the dedication of their families and their daughters, Franci and Ellie, to God.

People: We thank you, Father, for these young lives and for the unique gifts they represent. May they feel welcomed on earth and, especially, in this place.

Parents: *We acknowledge that training up our daughters in the way they should go means that we are to help them to become who God made them to be, not what we think they should be.*

Leader: God, grant us the grace to see Franci and Ellie through your eyes of love.

People: We acknowledge that parenting is an awesome stewardship of God’s gift. We pledge our support and love to these parents as they begin this grand task.

Leader: In humility and great joy, we dedicate Franci and Ellie to God, we re-affirm our own faith in the creative, life-giving power of God Almighty, and we ask for God’s blessings on them and their parents.

Prayer of Dedication

Dr. Brian Brewer, Interim Pastor

Choral Worship

Sanctuary Choir

At the Riverside

traditional spiritual arranged by Joel Raney

Kathleen Wilkins, accompanist

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Brewer

Songs Telling of God’s Love

My Lord Is Near Me All the Time

In the lightning flash across the sky His mighty power I see,
And I know if He can reign on high, His light can shine on me.

Chorus:

I've seen it in the lightning, heard it in the thunder, and felt it in the rain;
My Lord is near me all the time, my Lord is near me all the time.

When refreshing showers cool the earth and sweep across the sea,
Then His rainbow shines within my heart, His nearness comforts me.

Chorus

Great Is Thy Faithful

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.

Chorus:

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!

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.

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

Sermon

Dr. Brewer

The Basket Case

Exodus 1:22-2:10

Closing Song

Wherever He Leads I'll Go

"Take up thy cross and follow me," I heard my Master say;
"I gave my life to ransom thee, surrender your all today."

Chorus:

Wherever He leads I'll go, wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever He leads I'll go.

My heart, my life, my all I bring to Christ who loves me so;
He is my Master, Lord, and King, wherever He leads I'll go.

Chorus

Benediction

Dr. Brewer

Postlude

Kathleen Wilkins