

## Prelude to Worship

Kathleen Wilkins, organist

## Songs of Celebration

### *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*

Christians, pray that we keep on marching.  
Christians, pray that we keep on marching.  
Christians, pray that we keep on marching.  
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'm upward bound,  
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

#### *Chorus:*

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

My heart has no desire to stay  
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;  
Though some may dwell where these abound,  
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

***Chorus***

I want to live above the world,  
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;  
For faith has caught the joyful sound,  
The song of saints on higher ground.

***Chorus***

I want to scale the utmost height  
And catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I'll pray till Heav'n I've found,  
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

***Chorus***

## **Morning Prayer**

### **Welcome to Worshipers**

**Dr. Steve Laufer**, Senior Pastor

### **Choral Worship**

***The Old Church Choir***

*with* CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD

**Allen Stowe**, soloist

**Dr. Sarah Spencer**, pianist

*words and music by Zach Williams, Colby Edgeworth and Ethan Hulse*

## **Hymn of Thankfulness**

***Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine***

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood.

***Chorus:***

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight:  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

***Chorus***

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest:

Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*Chorus*

## Lessons from Scripture

**Romans 8:28-39**

**Jarod Bonine, Reader**

## 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.”

*Chorus:*

It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
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 has shed His own blood for 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

### *A Statute of Liberty*

**Daniel 1**

**Dr. Laufer**

## Closing Song

### *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,  
Tho' none go with me I still will follow,  
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;  
No turning back, no turning back.

## Parting Words

**Christian Johns, Youth Minister**