



RiverOaks
Baptist Church
Morning Worship
April 30, 2023

Preparation for Worship

Kathleen Wilkins, organist

Walking along the beach of Lake Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers: Simon (later called Peter) and Andrew. They were fishing, throwing their nets into the lake. It was their regular work. Jesus said to them, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass." They didn't ask questions, but simply dropped their nets and followed. ~ Matthew 4:18-20 The Message

Invitation to Worship

Greg Stahl, Associate Pastor

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Praise the Lord! Ye heav'ns adore Him;

Praise Him angels, in the height;

Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;

Praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord! For He hath spoken;

Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;

Law which never shall be broken

For their guidance hath He made.

Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;

Never shall His promise fail;

God has made His saints victorious;

Sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our salvation!

Hosts on high His pow'r proclaim;

Heav'n, and earth, and all creation,

Laud and magnify His name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,

Lord, we offer unto thee;

Young and old, Thy praise expressing,

In glad homage bend the knee.

All the saints in heav'n adore Thee,

We would bow before Thy throne;

As thine angels serve before Thee,

So on earth Thy will be done.

Opening Sentences

based on Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God

May our worship reflect God's glory.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

***We worship with Christians around the world,
with Christians throughout time.***

Praise the Lord, Ye heavens adore Him!

Let us worship!

Morning Prayer

Words of Welcome

Christian Johns, Youth Minister

Hymns of Testimony

The Master Has Come

The Master has come, and He calls us to follow

the track of the footprints He leaves on our way;

Far over the mountain and through the deep hollow,

the path leads us on to the mansions of day:

The Master has called us, the children who fear Him,

Who march 'neath Christ's banner, His own little band;

We love Him and seek Him, we long to be near Him,

And rest in the light of His beautiful land.

The Master has called us; the road may be dreary,

and dangers and sorrows are strewn on the track;

But God's Holy Spirit shall comfort the weary;

We follow the Savior and cannot turn back;

The Master has called us: though doubt and temptation

may compass our journey, we cheerfully sing:

"Press onward, look upward," thru much tribulation;

The children of Zion must follow their King.

The Master has called us, in life's early morning,

with spirits as fresh as the dew on the sod:

We turn from the world, with its smiles and its scorning,

to cast in our lot with the people of God:

The Master has called us, His sons and His daughters,

We plead for His blessing and trust in His love;

And thru the green pastures, beside the still waters,

He'll lead us at last to His kingdom above.

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Wherever He Leads I'll Go

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.

Lessons from Scripture

Fred Vernon, reader

Psalm 39:7-13

Choral Worship

Mercy

Kyrie eleison...Lord, have mercy
text by Susan Bentall Boersma
music by Craig Courtney

Dr. Sarah Spencer, pianist

Sermon

Dr. Steve Laufer, Senior Pastor

Just Passing Through

Genesis 23:1-4

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.

He drew me closer to His side,

I sought His will to know,

And in that will, I now abide,

Wherever He leads, I'll go.

Chorus

Parting Words

Dr. Laufer

Postlude

Kathleen Wilkins