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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

August 7, 2022

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Lobe Den Herren) arr. Diane Bish

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above Mit Freuden Zart

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purpose, that we, who cannot live without you, may be enabled through you to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Almighty and merciful God,

we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent,

according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,

that we may live a holy, just, and humble life

to the glory of your holy name ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 396 O for a Closer Walk with God Caithness

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalms 50:1-8, 10-11, 23 Unison

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence,

before God is a devouring fire and around God a mighty tempest.

God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, to judge the people.

“Gather to me my faithful ones,

who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

The heavens declare God’s righteousness, for God is the judge.

“Hear. O my people, and I will speak,

O Israel, I will testify against you.

I am God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you,

your burnt offerings are continually before me.

But every wild animal of the forest is mine,

the cattle on a thousand hillsides.

I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me,

to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God.”

Anthem By Faith Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend
Daniel Whitaker, Bob Vawter, Susan Steppe

Epistle Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 364 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God Grand Isle

The congregation sits.

Gospel Luke 12:32-40

Sermon Too Casual Mike Krech
“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit.” Luke 12:35

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 419 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord Repton

Apostles’ Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Simple Gifts (Shaker Tune) arr. Wilbur Held

Today we resume receiving the offering during the service. An usher will pass an offering plate to you from the center aisle or the side, whichever is nearer. After placing your offering in the plate, send it no farther than halfway across your row and then return it to the same usher who passed it to you. Or you may continue to place your offering in a plate on the table near the door as you arrive or depart.

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 280 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,
or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and quickly now if necessary.

Postlude Postlude on Diademata arr. Anna Laura Page

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade, God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo, all is just, and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, But through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay, Our peace, and joy, and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises,
That all may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body take your part.
To God all praise and glory.

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.
Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART; Bohemian Brethren *Kirchengesang*, 1566

O for a Closer Walk with God

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!
Return, O holy Dove, return, Sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn And drove Thee from my breast.
The dearest idol I have known, Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from Thy throne And worship only Thee.
So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

Text: William Cowper, 1772;
Tune: CAITHNESS; Scottish Psalter, 1635; Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906; alt.

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

I sing a song of the saints of God, Patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor and one was a queen, And one was a shepherdess on the green:
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.
They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, And God's love made them strong;
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, The whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier and one was a priest, And one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
And there's not any reason, no not the least, Why I shouldn't be one too.
They lived not only in ages past, There are hundreds of thousands still;
The world is bright with the joyous saints Who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school or in lanes or at sea, In church, or in trains, or in shops,
or at tea; For the saints of God are just folk like me, And I mean to be one too.

Text: Lesbia Scott, 1929; adapted;

Tune: GRAND ISLE; John Henry Hopkins, 1940; as in *The Hymnal 1940*

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

How clear is our vocation, Lord, When once we heed your call:
To live according to Your word, And daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
But if, forgetful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear,
If worldly pressures fray the mind And love itself cannot unwind
Its tangled skein of care; Our inward life repair.
We mark Your saints, how they became In hindrances more sure,
Whose joyful virtues put to shame The casual way we wear Your name,
And by our faults obscure Your power to cleanse and cure.
In what You give us, Lord, to do, Together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new, May we not cease to look to You –
The cross You hung upon – All You endeavored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1981

Tune: REPTON; C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1779, stanzas 1-4; *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790, stanza 5;

Tune: AMAZING GRACE; *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900