

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

November 19, 2023

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude We Gather Together (Tune: Kremser) arr. James Pethel

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 473 For the Beauty of the Earth Dix

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**.)

Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void: Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,

whose face is hidden from us by our sins,

and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

Cleanse us from all our offenses,

and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,

that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,

confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,

and finding in you our refuge and strength;

through Jesus Christ your Son. ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light. (Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight. (Refrain)

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)

For Thy church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love. (Refrain)

Text: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864;

Tune: DIX; Conrad Kocher, 1838; Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861;

Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge – Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, c. 1855;

Tune: CONVERSE; Charles Crozat Converse, 1868

When I Had Not Yet Learned of Jesus

When I had not yet learned of Jesus Christ,
When I refused to listen to God's call,
I was defiant then, till God broke through;
Now by God's grace Christ is my all.

Whatever talent God has given me
I pledge to use in service and in love.
Joined with my God to lift my neighbor's load,
New strength and hope are given from above.

To be God's servant in this earthly life,
No matter if the task is great or small,
This is my charge: to witness faithfully,
Strengthened by Christ who is my all in all.

Text: Yongchul Chung, 1967; Para. Jane Parker Huber, 1989;

Tune: Yoosun Lee, 1967

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1879;

Tune: MARYTON; Henry Percy Smith, 1874

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.;
Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985;
Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT; Johann Crüger, 1648;
Harm. Adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840