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Worships God

August 30, 2020

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Here Am I, Lord

John Ness Beck
arr. A.L. Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 223

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

Stuttgart

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, you alone can order unruly wills and affections. Help us to love what you command and desire what you promise, that in the midst of this changing world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone.**

And so uphold us by your Spirit

**that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your name;**

through Jesus Christ our Lord ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; All within me bless God's name;
Bless the Savior, and forget not All God's mercies to proclaim.

God forgives all your transgressions, All diseases gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction, And with you so kindly deals.

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;
Like the pity of a father Has the Lord's compassion been.

As it was without beginning, So it lasts without an end;
To their children's children ever Shall God's righteousness extend.

Unto such as keep God's covenant And are steadfast in God's way;
Unto those who still remember The commandments and obey.

Bless your Maker, all you creatures, Ever under God's control,
All throughout God's vast dominion; Bless the Lord of all, my soul!

Text: Psalm 103; Paraphrase in *The Book of Psalms*, 1871; alt. 1972, 1988

Tune: STUTTGART; Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715;

as in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service, Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment, Fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring, To fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, All God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together, Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, In a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife.

Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving Hope and confidence and peace.

(Text: Jane Parker Huber, 1981; Tune: BEECHER, John Zundel, 1870)

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee,
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use Every power as Thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only all for Thee.

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874; Tune: HENDON; H.A. Cesar Malan, 1827

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.
Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own;
Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;
Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;
Use us to make the earth like heaven above.
Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway;
Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.
Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to Thee – time, talent, all;
We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

Text: William H. Foulkes, st. 1-3, 1918; st. 4, c. 1920
Tune: HALL; Calvin Weiss Laufer, 1918