

Morning Worship May 17, 2020

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude

Allegro Assai, from Partita in C Major - J. S. Bach
If You But Trust in God to Guide You - Jacques Berthier
Benedictus - William Lloyd Webber

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord

*Rejoice, You righteous in the Lord, in song your voices raise;
awake the psaltery and harp, lift up God's name in praise!
For by God's word the heavens were hung; God laid the sea and land,
and all that fills the firmament were made at God's command.*

*Behold, God's ever-watchful eye sees through our dark despair;
the arms of grace encircle us with strong, yet tender care;
the hope of all the ages past, that sets at peace our fears,
God's mercy and God's steadfast love shall follow all our years.*

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The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 1-3, 6

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home!**

The Greeting

The People's Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

We Commit to the Resurrection Life

The Resurrection Life: Hebrews 11:13-16

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Philippians 3:20-21

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 828, verses 1-4
"O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire"

**O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire,
redemption's only spring,
Creator of the world art thou,
its Savior and its King.**

**How vast the mercy and the love
which laid our sins on thee,
and led thee to a cruel death
to set thy people free.**

**But now the bands of death are burst,
the ransom has been paid;
and thou art on thy Father's throne,
in glorious robes arrayed.**

**O Christ, be thou our lasting joy,
our ever great reward;
our only glory may it be
to glory in the Lord!**

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer - concluded by the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Anthem: We Wait in Hope for the Lord - Robert Wetzler

*We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice and sing, for we trust in his holy name.
May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.
(Psalm 33:20-22)*

The Offertory: O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire - Timothy Hoekman

The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him; all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

God Speaks to Us

The Children's Message

[Click here](#) for children's worship video

Organ Interlude: My Life Flows on in Endless Song (How Can I Keep from Singing?)

The Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1-14

The Sermon: Hope for Exiles

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

The Confession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony, Paragraphs 12 and 55

**12. Even now,
as history unfolds
in ways we know only in part,
we are assured
that God is with us in our world,
holding all things in tender embrace
and bending them to his purpose.
The confidence that the Lord is faithful
gives meaning to our days
and hope to our years.
The future is secure,
for our world belongs to God.**

**55. Our hope for a new creation is not tied
to what humans can do,
for we believe that one day
every challenge to God's rule
will be crushed.
His kingdom will fully come,
and the Lord will rule.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts #378, verses 1-2, 4

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,**

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

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The Benediction

The People's Response: **Amen.**

The Organ Amen

The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

The Postlude: The Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less) - Michael Burkhardt

Participants:

Dr. Larry Visser - organist

Elise Greidanus - violinist

Glenda Buteyn – vocalist

Rev. Ruth Boven - liturgist

Rev. Kristy Manion - preacher