

Morning Worship May 3, 2020

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude -

From Out of a Wood Did a Cuckoo Fly (The Birds) - Robert Cundick

This Is My Father's World - Diane Bish

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit – “Sing a New Church”

*Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity,
gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still our unity:
Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.*

*Radiant risen from the water; robed in holiness and light,
male and female in God's image, male and female, God's delight:
Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.*

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The Opening Hymn: Worship and Rejoice 24

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

**God, You spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain.
Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, Call forth sunshine, wind and rain.
We created in your image, would a true reflection be.
Of your justice, grace and mercy and the truth that makes us free.**

Verse two:

**You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship, joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.**

Verse three:

**God, your will is still creating, calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion, fashion us with loving care,
Thus new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.**

The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Commit to the Resurrection Life

The Resurrection Life: Mark 9:33-37

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: John 14:27

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 659:1,2,4

"Nearer, Still Nearer"

**Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart,
draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art.
Fold me, O fold me close to thy breast;
shelter me safe in that haven of rest,
shelter me safe in that haven of rest.**

**Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,
naught as an offering to Jesus, my King—
only my sinful, now contrite heart;
grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart,
grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart.**

**Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last,
till safe in glory my anchor is cast;
through endless ages, ever to be
nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee,
nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee.**

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 – This Is My Father's World - arr. Paul S. Jones

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet! This is my Father's world: the battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

The Offertory – The Heavens Declare Your Glory - Michael Burkhardt

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

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Organ Interlude- "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" - Stuart Townend

The Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31

The Sermon: "Firm Foundations: Made in God's Image"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

Confession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God Paragraph 5 and 10

**God holds this world with fierce love.
Keeping his promise, he sends Jesus into the world,
pours out the Holy Spirit, and announces the good news:
sinners who repent and believe in Jesus
live anew as members of the family of God—
the firstfruits of a new creation.**

Made in God's image

**to live in loving communion with our Maker,
we are appointed earthkeepers and caretakers
to tend the earth, enjoy it, and love our neighbors.
God uses our skills for the unfolding and well-being of his world
so that creation and all who live in it may flourish.**

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 351:1,3,4

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee with thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

The Benediction

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

The Organ Amen

The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

The Postlude - Toccata on "Let All Things Now Living" - David Cherwien

Participants:

Dr. Larry Visser - organist, pianist

Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist

Ted Rozeboom - vocalist

Rev. Peter Jonker – preaching minister