

Morning Worship July 26, 2020

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude – “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” – Johann Sebastian Bach

“. . . Your Spirit send with light divine, and let your truth within us shine.”

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit – “You Are the Way” – Marty Haugen

*You are the Way; through you alone can we the Father find;
in you, O Christ, is now revealed God’s heart and will and mind.*

*You are the Truth; your words alone true wisdom can impart;
you only can inform the mind and purify the heart.*

*You are the Life: the empty tomb proclaims your conquering arm;
for those who trust you, death and hell shall be no cause for harm.*

*You are the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.*

The Opening Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 661

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

- 1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.**

- 2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

- 3. O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

- 4. For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure. Amen.**

The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Come Humbly Before Our God

The Call to Confession: Matthew 18:2-5

²Jesus called a little child over to him. He had the child stand among them. ³Jesus said, "What I'm about to tell you is true. You need to change and become like little children. If you don't, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Anyone who takes the humble position of this child is the most important in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵Anyone who welcomes a little child like this one in my name welcomes me. New International reader's version (NIRV)

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Acts 13:38, 39a

³⁸"My friends, here is what I want you to know. I announce to you that your sins can be forgiven because of what Jesus has done. ³⁹Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin. New International reader's version (NIRV)

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 737:1-3

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

- 1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!**
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

- 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!**
Search me and try me, Master, today.
Open mine eyes, my sin show me now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

- 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!**
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray.
Power, all power, surely is thine.
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

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: "The Call" – K. Lee Scott

*Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.*

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The Offertory - Spirit of the Living God - Malcolm Archer

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 video

The Sung Prayer for Illumination – LUYH 749

"Spirit of the Living God"

- 1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**
- 2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.**

The Scripture: John 14:1-14

The Sermon: "Reasons to Believe: The Way, The Truth, The Life"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 206:1-4

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

1. **Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

2. **Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.**

3. **In every insult, rift and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

4. **Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

The Benediction

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

The Organ Amen

The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

The Postlude - Fanfare – Guy H. Eldridge

Participants:

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Jennifer Schroder – vocalist