

Morning Worship July 5, 2020

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude - "Choral No. 2 in B Minor" – César Franck

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit – "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them. Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

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The Opening Hymn: LUYH 585:1,2,4

"With Grateful Heart, My Thanks I Bring"

- 1. With grateful heart my thanks I bring: before the "gods" your praise I sing.
I worship in your holy place and praise you for your truth and grace;
for truth and grace together shine in your most holy Word divine,
in your most holy Word divine.**
- 2. I cried to you, and you did save; your word of grace new courage gave.
The kings of earth shall thank you, Lord, for they have heard your wondrous word;
yes, they shall come with songs of praise for great and glorious are your ways,
for great and glorious are your ways.**
- 3. You will stretch forth your mighty arm to save me when my foes alarm.
The work you have for me begun shall by your grace be fully done.
Your love forever will endure: your mercy, Lord, is ever sure;
your mercy, Lord, is ever sure. Amen.**
- 4. You will stretch forth your mighty arm to save me when my foes alarm.
The work you have for me begun shall by your grace be fully done.
Your love forever will endure: your mercy, Lord, is ever sure;
your mercy, Lord, is ever sure. Amen.**

The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Come Humbly Before Our God

The Call to Confession: Psalm 51: 1, 3-4, 17

The Prayer of Confession:

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
**according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.**
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
**Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.**
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Amen.
—from Psalm 51:1-2, 6, 10-12, NIV

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Ezekiel 36:25-27

The Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 457

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

**1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, (in my heart,) in my heart, (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

**2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, (in my heart,) in my heart, (in my heart),
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

**4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, (in my heart,) in my heart, (in my heart),
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

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 – “On Eagle’s Wings” – Michael Joncas, arr. Mark Hayes

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: “My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!”*

*Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)*

*You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. (Refrain)*

*For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Refrain)*

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The Offertory – “Take My Life and Let It Be” – Raymond H. Haan

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](#) to view Children's video

The Sung Prayer for Illumination – LUYH 747:1,2

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

- 1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.**
- 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.**

The Scripture: Galatians 5:13-18

The Sermon: “Reason to Believe: Doesn't Christianity Take All the Fun Out of Life?”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 679

“For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free”

- 1. “For freedom, Christ has set us free!” What joy is ours to claim!
No more enslaved, humanity finds life in Jesus' name.**

**We try, Lord, to be justified through all the works we do.
Yet you adopt us, saying, "Child, it's Christ who makes you new."**

- 2. We're clothed in Christ and we belong: now no one waits outside,
In him we find our common song: old ways no more divide.
"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."
He died for us, new life to give and new identity.**

- 3. Now, Spirit-filled, may we be led from ways that would destroy.
May we, your people, turn instead to lives of love and joy.
May we find peace that makes us whole and patience everywhere.
God, give us kindness, self-control, and hearts and hands that share.**

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The Benediction

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

The Organ Amen

The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

The Postlude – "Blessed Assurance" – Gordon Young

Participants:

Rev. Peter Jonker – preaching minister

Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Ashley Grace Stephenson – vocalist