

Morning Worship August 23, 2020

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

“Matins” – Lani Smith

“Children of the Heavenly Father” – Swedish Folk Tune

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

*Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely.*

*All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night with your beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; you must work all good within us.*

The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 579:1-4

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**
- 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
- 3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**
- 4. Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Come Humbly Before Our God

The Call to Confession: Isaiah 55:6-9

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 27:1, 13-14

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 451:1-4

“When Peace like a River”

1. **When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”**

**Refrain: It is well (it is well) with my soul; (with my soul);
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

2. **Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control;
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)**
3. **My sin—oh the bliss of this glorious thought! —
my sin, not in part, but the whole
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)**
4. **O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)**

We Celebrate God’s Covenant Promises – **8:30 AM Outdoor Service**

The Promises of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows of Parents

The Sacrament of Baptism: **Alexander James Kruyf**, son of Zachary and Carmen Kruyf

Prayer Partner: Perrin and Alanna Rynders

The Baptismal Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 796:1,2

“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

1. **Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above!**

- 2. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus – spread his praise from shore to shore!
How he loves us, ever loves us, changes never, never more!
How he watches o’er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how he’s interceding, watching o’er them from the throne!**

The Baptismal Blessing

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 Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)” – Howard Goodall

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me, you will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in house of the Lord forever.*

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The Offertory: “Lyric Interlude” – Alexander Schreiner

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 565:1

“God Himself Is with Us”

- 1. God himself is with us; let us now adore him,
and with awe appear before him.
God is in his temple; all within keep silence,
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.**

**Him alone do we own as our God and Savior;
praise his name forever.**

The Scripture: Romans 8:35-39

The Sermon: "Reason to Believe: If God Is Good and Powerful, Why Is There So Much Suffering?"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 164:1,3-4

"What Wondrous Love"

- 1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul; O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**
- 2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM—
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.**
- 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

The Benediction

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

The Organ Amen

The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

The Postlude: "How Firm a Foundation" – American Melody, 1832

Participants:

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Rev. Lee Smits – baptizing minister

Jonathan Tuuk – organist

Becky Rhoda – vocalist