



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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Grow in Grace. Live in Peace. Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

Preludes Op 11, No 1 in C

Sergei Prokofiev

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 138, selected verses

One: I give thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

All: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

One: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies, you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

All: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

HYMN

Seek Ye First

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of our culture and not the ways of your kingdom. Our pride and our selfishness divide us from true community as you intend. We exalt possessions and power, when you alone are to be exalted. We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony. You have entrusted the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven to us, but we neglect and squander your gifts to us. Forgive and transform us, so that our lives may be filled with joy and peace. Help us to discern your will not only for our individual lives but for the world as you have created it to be. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The steadfast love of God never ends. When we call out to God, God answers. God saves us with a strong outstretched hand. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and empowered to live in grace. Amen.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Amazing Grace
sung by Laura Ortiz

arr. by Jay Althouse

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16: 13-20

SERMON

"The Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

SPECIAL MUSIC

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PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN

More About Jesus I Would Know

This hymn was written by Eliza Hewitt in 1887; she was from Philadelphia and a leader in the Sunday School Movement and the text emphasizes Jesus as the central figure of the Christian faith. The tune was composed by John Sweney who was also from Pennsylvania and served as a band director during the Civil War. After the war he taught music at the Pennsylvania Military Academy. He composed more than one thousand gospel songs.

**More about Jesus would I know, more of his grace to others show;
more of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.**

**Refrain: More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus; more of his saving fullness see,
more of his love who died for me.**

**More about Jesus let me learn, more of his holy will discern;
Spirit of God, my teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me. Refrain.**

WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Love of the Lord

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**May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.**

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