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
Episodes Op 12, No 7. Prelude (Harp)
Serge Prokofiev

CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalm 145, selected verses
Joanne Lang, liturgist

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

One: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

All: The eyes of all look to you and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

One: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

All: The Lord fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

One: The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

HYMN
Worthy of Worship
Mark Blankenship

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise.
Worthy of honor and glory;
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,
Worthy of all the offerings we bring.

Refrain: You are worthy, Father, Creator.
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;
Worthy of worship and praise.

Worthy of reverence, worthy of fear,
Worthy of Love and devotion:
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,
Worthy of all this and added to these.

Refrain
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, you call us to live trusting in your promise for abundance. We confess that instead of considering your blessings and how you would have us to share out of our abundance, we fear scarcity and limit our generosity. You call us to hope and trust in your providence, but we confess that we fall captive to our selfish need to grasp for more. You call us to consider the needs of those around us but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and broaden our vision of the wonders you work in the world every day. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! By faith we have been saved. Refreshed, revived, renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit, live as people who are forgiven and freed, giving thanks to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD’S FORGIVENESS

There is a Redeemer

Melody Green
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

SCRIEPTURE READING

Matthew 14: 1-21

SERMON

“You give them something to eat!”

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

SPECIAL MUSIC

Nocturne in C minor Op 48, No 1

Frederic Chopin

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

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father’s glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set your hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain
WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.

Worship Leadership
Joanne Lang, Worship Leader
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