



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

Mazurka in F major Op. 68, No. 3 (posth.)

Frederic Chopin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 85, selected verses

Jim Bryant, liturgist

One: God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

All: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

One: Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

All: Faithfulness springs up from the ground and righteousness looks down from the sky. God gives what is good and we respond with abundant praise!

HYMN

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

The words to this hymn were written in 1860 by William Whiting and the composer was John Dykes.

It has been widely used in naval and state ceremonial occasions and is based on Psalm 107.

It also references the story of Jesus' stilling the storm.

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we pray to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. We are not able to fulfill all your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy. Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to hear your voice even when it is the sound of sheer silence. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus is Lord! God raised him from the dead and we are saved through him. This is the good news we believe in our hearts and confess with our lips: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! May we live as we profess to believe and become the gracious and loving people you create us to be.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

We Are Forgiven
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14: 22-33

SERMON

"When the Wind is Against You"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

SPECIAL MUSIC

Nocturne in F minor Op 55, 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

Standing on the Promises

**Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.**

**Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.**

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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