



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

From Ballade No 2 in F, Op 38

Frederic Chopin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55: 6-11

Terry Day, liturgist

One: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

All: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

One: For the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

All: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it to bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

One: It shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

*HYMN

Shout to the Lord

by Darlene Zschech

Verse: My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like you.
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Refrain: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we gather remembering with gratitude those people who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives. We confess the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others; the times when our personal agendas become more important than yours; the times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement; the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that we forget what you have said and done and promised, and what you call us to do. We know that when we become disconnected from you, our lives become parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted and dry. Bless and renew our lives, we pray, so that we remain connected to you at all times and in all places, strengthening us to sow seeds of faith. May we be patient and persistent, relying on your grace and love to provide the growth. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If God is for us, who is against us? In Jesus Christ you have been set free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. (from Romans 8: 31)

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

We Are Forgiven
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

Hal H. Hopson

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13: 1-9 and 18-23

SERMON

"Sowing Seeds"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

SPECIAL MUSIC

Etude in F#, Op 42, No 4

Alexander Scriabin

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.

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God of the Fertile Fields

God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:
forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned,
that all in every land be clothed and fed.

As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.
Let all our toil be used, no gift of yours abused,
no humble task refused your love bestows.

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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