



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

Fantasiestücke Op 73 2. Vivace, leggero

Robert Schumann

Marta Lambert, viola

Derek Wang, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 106: 1-3, 6, 8, 48

Bryan Williamson, liturgist

One: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare his praise?

One: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

All: Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

One: Yet God saved them for his name's sake, so that he might make known his mighty power.

All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

And let all the people say, "Amen." Praise the Lord!

HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living sing a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our trust in you is fragile. We doubt your faithfulness to us as a result of our reluctance to remember all your blessings to us. Our trust in you is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause – an answer to prayer not instantly given or a request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile and easily displaced by gods of our own making – the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost, and the god of illusion, pursued in any form. Lord, have mercy on our fickleness and our propensity to be a stiff-necked people. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, and fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. (from Psalm 96)

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

When We are Tested
Peggy Vaughan, Soprano

ANGELS OF HEALING

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32: 1-14

SERMON

"Journey to Freedom: A Stiff-Necked People and a Gracious God"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tocatta Op 11

Sergei Prokofiev

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

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

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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