



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

Three Romances Op 22, No 2
Marta Lambert, viola

Clara Schumann

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 130, adapted and selected verses

Joanne Lang, liturgist

One: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Hear our voices!

All: We wait for the Lord, our souls wait, and in his word we hope;

One: Our souls wait for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

All: Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem and transform.

HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**

**Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense secure.**

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world by complaining about what we do not have rather than counting your blessings to us. We fail to recognize the new ways in which you are making your presence known because we are so caught up in our own prejudices, assumptions and agendas. We exploit what you entrust to our care. We conform to shallow values and are suspicious of the giftedness of people who are different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest to the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, we would now be lost in our own sin and destructiveness. But the Lord draws near to us and shows us a better way. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who forgives and loves and calls us to be forgiving and loving.

RESPONSE TO GOD’S FORGIVENESS

God Hath Not Promised

Annie Johnson Flint

Jesse Riggs, soloist

The lyrics to “God Hath Not Promised” were written by Annie Johnson Flint in 1919 and set to this particular tune by Alfred B. Smith in 1952. Annie Johnson Flint was orphaned at an early age. After completing high school, she trained as a teacher which became her passion. Her teaching career was cut short after only a few years due to crippling arthritis which severely limited her mobility. Though her fingers became painfully twisted making writing difficult, she began to compose poetry to express her deep faith in God and her belief that God would use her infirmity for His divine purpose.

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

Refrain:

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing kindness, undying love.

God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.

(Refrain)

God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;
Never a mountain, rocky and steep,
Never a river, turbid and deep.

(Refrain)

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1

SERMON

“Creative Cattywampus”

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

SPECIAL MUSIC

Four Piano Blues, No 2

Aaron Copland

A CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

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.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power.

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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