



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

Scarf Dance

Cécile Chaminade

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24: 1-6

Joanne Lang, liturgist

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

All: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

One: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

All: They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

**How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O Lord, Our God, we confess to you our unfaithfulness, our divided loyalties, our dancing around the truth. We look for human approval instead of seeking to serve you. We become complicit in oppressive systems which dehumanize other people and ourselves, rather than give voice to injustice or prejudice. We answer to human authority instead of listening to and for your voice. Turn our hearts back to you. Consume our sin with holy fire and set us free to sing your praise. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the gospel, the good news we have received: that our Lord Jesus Christ loves us and gave his life to set us free from our sins. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Peggy Vaughan, Soprano

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 2

SERMON

"Whom Will You Serve?"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

SPECIAL MUSIC

Children's Corner Suite 1. Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum

Claude Debussy

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

Shall We Gather at the River

A familiar gospel hymn written by Robert Lowry in 1864 while he was a pastor in Brooklyn. It was an extremely hot day and he was physically exhausted. His imagination took flight and he pictured that he was gathered with the saints at a river. The words and the tune came to him together.

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

**Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship forever,
All the happy golden day. (refrain)**

**Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown. (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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