

January 16, 2022

Rev. Edward Baugh

10:00 A.M.

**Cantors of the Day: Garth Taylor/Ray McCarthy**

**GATHERING THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**GATHERING MUSIC**                      Call Upon the Lord  
(Song Leader)

We need no other hiding place.  
Our hope is safe within Your name.  
This we know. This we know.  
You promised never to forsake.  
What You began You will sustain.  
This we know. This we know.

(All sing)

I will call upon the Lord,  
for He alone is strong enough to save.  
Rise, your shackles are no more,  
for Jesus Christ has broken every chain.

(Song Leader)

All of the heavens and the earth,  
announce the fullness of Your worth.  
This we know. This we know.  
And every enemy will flee  
as we declare Your victory.  
This we know. This we know.

(All sing)

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for He alone is strong enough to save.  
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(Song Leader)

Jesus' name will break every stronghold.  
Freedom is ours when we call His name.  
Jesus' name, above every other.  
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(Instrumental)

(All sing)

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(Instrumental)

#### How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
"How great Thou art, how great Thou art."  
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"How great Thou art, How great Thou art."

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
"How great Thou art, how great Thou art."  
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#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tim Patryk

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Tim Patryk

God is unfolding a new moment, an hour of blessing, a time of healing,  
a day of beauty. It is the gift offered to you, filled with ordinary moments made  
holy by attention to

the movements of Grace,  
the tremors of Love,  
the ripples of Hope,  
the whispers of Peace.  
Let us be in the moment of worship.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

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**Gracious God, you are ever more ready to give than we are to receive. You bless us richly with love that knows no bounds, with peace that passes all understanding.**

**Yet we are often convinced that we can have greater gifts we foolishly turn elsewhere for love, for peace, and for security. We try to find peace and happiness in possessions and status.**

**Teach us once again to trust in you completely. Show us how to drink deeply from your well of abundance. Strengthen us to live joyfully as your disciples of love and peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we know that God's face shines on us and we are indeed forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

1 Kings 3:1-14

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Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt; he took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David, until he had finished building his own house and the house of the LORD and the wall around Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> The people were sacrificing at the high places, however, because no house had yet been built for the name of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup> Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. <sup>4</sup> The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have

chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. <sup>14</sup> If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

**\*HYMN OF MEDITATION**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we have come again to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
and in glowing faith be near you.  
By your gospel true and holy,  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till your Spirit breaks our night,  
filling us with light unclouded.  
All good thoughts and all good living  
come but by your gracious giving.

3 Glorious Lord, yourself impart,  
Light of Light, from God proceeding.  
Touch our lips and ears and heart;  
help us by your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry your church now raises;  
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 6:27-33

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<sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much

more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**SERMON**

A Wise Guy

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**SHARING OF OUR GIFTS**

Offertory

Lift Every Voice and Sing  
Garth Taylor, solo

\* Doxology  
Prayer of Dedication

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.**

**SENDING INTO THE WORLD**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

I Have a Dream

“I have a dream,” a man once said, “where all is perfect peace; where men and women, black and white, stand hand in hand, and all unite in freedom and in love, in freedom and in love”.

But in this world of bitter strife the dream can often fade;  
reality seems dark as night, we catch but glimpses of the light  
Christ sheds on humankind, Christ sheds on humankind.

So dream the dreams and sing the songs, but never be content;  
for thoughts and words don’t ease the pain: unless there’s action,  
all is vain; faith proves itself in deeds, faith proves itself in deeds.

Lord, give us vision, make us strong, help us to do your will;  
don’t let us rest until we see your love throughout humanity  
uniting us in peace, uniting us in peace.

**\*BENEDICTION**

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**\*CHORAL POSTLUDE**

**We Are Called**

We are called to act with justice;  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.

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