

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

September 20, 2020

Prelude: Meditation from Thais by Massenet

Organist: Bruce Nasmith

Welcome & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven...”

(Matthew 6:10 – from the Lord’s Prayer)

We come to worship in search of vision for ourselves and our world.

We come to worship as those who live in a worldly kingdom where rights and privileges are calculated based on who deserves what and how much.

We come to be inspired by a vision of a different kingdom, where rights and privileges are gifts for which thanksgiving is given.

We worship with faith and hope that our hearts can be further changed by love.

We come to be refreshed and renewed because we need to see differently and live differently in order to live ever more fully.

ALL: Come to us, O God, as we worship you this hour!

Hymn #448: "O God beyond all praising"

Soloists: Joanne Nasmith, Radostina Borisova, Elias Theocharidis, Jim Nasmith, Organist: Bruce Nasmith

1. O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay,
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you
and wait up on your word;
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour;
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king,
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever...**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Children's Theme

Special Music: "In His hands are all the corners of the earth" by P. A. Schnecker

Soloists: Joanne Nasmith & Radostina Borisova, Pianist: Bruce Nasmith

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20. 1-16

20 For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon: "GIFT, GRATITUDE & GRACE"
Special Music: "I will carry you" by Wendy Porter

Soloists: Joanne Nasmith, Radostina Borisova, Elias Theocharidis, Jim Nasmith, Pianist: Bruce Nasmith

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn #457: "Now thank we all our God"

Soloists: Joanne Nasmith, Radostina Borisova, Elias Theocharidis, Jim Nasmith, Organist: Bruce Nasmith

1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom God's world rejoices,
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. Oh may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,

and keep us all with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
the Father and the Son
and Spirit now be given,
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
for thus it was, is now
and shall be evermore.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude: Fugue in G major (The Gigue Fugue) by J. S. Bach

Organist: Bruce Nasmith



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