

EASTER 5 SUNDAY

May 2, 2021

Organ Prelude: "Now let the vault of heaven resound"

Bruce Nasmith

Welcome, Announcements, ARISE Introduction & Video, Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?... And do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." (Matthew 6: 25,34)

We who gather to worship are people who worry.

- **We worry about having enough money and enough stuff.**
- **We worry about being enough in comparison with others and before others whose opinion matters to us.**
- **We worry about having enough control over our lives and the lives of those we care about.**

"But strive first for the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Inspire us, O God, as we worship you this hour. Inspire us to strive after what matters most – care and justice for others and for this earth, trusting that as we focus on what truly matters, we will experience a richer fullness of being, an adequacy and sufficiency that will put our worry in a better place.

We await your inspiration, courage and empowerment, O God.

Let us worship God, together!

Hymn: "Lord of all hopefulness"

No. 748

soloists Erin Stone and Chris Tanaka-Mann with organist Bruce Nasmith

1. Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & 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 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. Amen.**

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

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: "To where you are"

Richard Marx and Linda Thompson

soloist Shaun Alphonso with pianist Bruce Nasmith

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:25-34

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²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will God not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

34 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. Amen.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon:

WORRY

Dr. Harris

Special Music: "My heart ever faithful"

J. S. Bach

soloist Anna Bateman with pianist Bruce Nasmith

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: "Brother, sister, let me serve you"

No. 635

soloists Erin Stone and Chris Tanaka-Mann with organist Bruce Nasmith

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

3. I will hold the Christlight for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Toccata in C

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