

Intergenerational Worship

November 23, 2025

Prelude: Jingle Bell Rock

Jim Boothe and Joe Beal

***Hymn: When long before time**

No. 295

1. When long before time and the worlds were begun,
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,
and even our Maker had only a dream...

2. ...the silence was broken when God sang the Song,
and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,
and with its first birth cries creation was born,
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.

3. The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the song;
the choir of the creatures re-echoed it long.

4. Though, down through the ages, the Song disappeared,
its harmonies broken and almost unheard,
the Singer comes to us to sing it again:
our God is with us in the world now as then.

6. To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise;
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise;
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
be glory forever, through life and through death.

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We who come to worship come with many different feelings.

Sometimes we are happy, grateful, joyful. And other times we are angry, sad or anxious.

We come to worship seeking to grow some faith, hope and love in us so that we grow in humility and gratitude in our successes and good fortunes, but also strength, courage and resilience when life's circumstances and struggles become hard.

Where may we see God more clearly in our lives? Where may we draw strength and direction from God more intentionally and substantially?

Come to us as we worship you this hour, O God.

ALL: Speak to us and move through us!

***Hymn: Spirit of gentleness**

No. 399

**Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.**

1. You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,
and over the aeons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **(Refrain)**

2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land,
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. **(Refrain)**

3. You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still,
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **(Refrain)**

4. You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes;
with bold new decisions your people arise. **(Refrain)**

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

Junior Choir: Clapping Our Hands
*Clapping our hands we sing hallelujah,
Sing hallelujah, clapping our hands.
Clapping our hands we sing hallelujah,
Sing hallelujah, clapping our hands.
**Hallelujah ** Hallelujah ** Hallelujah,
Clapping our hands*

Intergenerational Children's Time

(Children are invited to join in activities at the back of the sanctuary)

Band: Happy

Pharrell Williams

It might seem crazy what I am 'bout to say
Sunshine, she's here you can take a break
I'ma hot air balloon that could go to space, huh
With the air, like I don't care, baby, by the way, huh

Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof (Because I'm happy)
Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth (Because I'm happy)
Clap along if you know what happiness is to you (Because I'm happy)
Clap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do

Here come bad news, talking this and that (talk, yeah)
Well, give me all you got and don't hold back (yeah)
Well, I should probably warn you, I'll be just fine (yeah)
No offense to you, don't waste your time, here's why

Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof (Because I'm happy)
Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth (Because I'm happy)
Clap along if you know what happiness is to you (Because I'm happy)
Clap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do (hey, c'mon, uh)

bring me down, can't nothin'
(Happy) bring me down, my level's too high
(Happy) to bring me down, can't nothin' (huh)
(Happy) bring me down, I said (let me tell you now), uh
can't nothin', uh
(Happy, happy), bring me down (happy, happy), my level's too high
(Happy, happy) to bring me down (happy, happy), can't nothin'
(Happy, happy) bring me down, I said

Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof (Because I'm happy)
Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth (Because I'm happy)
Clap along if you know what happiness is to you (Because I'm happy)
Clap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do

INTRO: Our scripture reading this morning is Psalm 88. This psalm is a prayer to God. But rather than hope in God, the psalmist accuses God of abandoning him and punishing him. What kind of prayer is this? Why is it in the bible? Listen:

- ¹ O Lord, God of my salvation,
at night, when I cry out before you,
² let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry.
³ For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
⁴ I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;
I am like those who have no help,
⁵ like those forsaken among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
⁶ You have put me in the depths of the Pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
⁷ Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.

⁸ You have caused my companions to shun me;
you have made me a thing of horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
⁹ my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call on you, O Lord;
I spread out my hands to you.
¹⁰ Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do the shades rise up to praise you?
¹¹ Is your steadfast love declared in the grave
or your faithfulness in the place of destruction?

¹² Are your wonders known in the darkness
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?

¹³ But I, O Lord, cry out to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

¹⁴ O Lord, why do you cast me off?
Why do you hide your face from me?

¹⁵ Wretched and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.

¹⁶ Your wrath has swept over me;
your dread assaults destroy me.

¹⁷ They surround me like a flood all day long;
from all sides they close in on me.

¹⁸ You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;
my companions are in darkness. Amen.

We are listening, O God
Speak to us!

Sermon: GOD, WHERE ARE YOU?

Dr. Harris

Band: Keepers of the Earth Olajumoke Adomolekun

*Keepers of the Earth, yes we are, keepers of the Nile, land and seas
Guarding our forests, saving our planet, keepers of the Earth yes we are
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Guarding our forests, saving our planet, keepers of the Earth yes we are*

*The ants and eels need a home to stay, the herons and rhinoceros,
but they lose their home when we care less
and flood our land with trash and with waste, it hurts.*

*Keepers of the Earth, yes we are, keepers of the Nile, land and seas
Guarding our forests, saving our planet, keepers of the Earth yes we are*

We all need warmth and the cleanest breeze

*But we ruin it all when we burn so much fuel,
Let's save the hills mountains and plains and lakes
Plant a tree, recycle waste, go green*

*Keepers of the Earth, yes we are, keepers of the Nile, land and seas
Guarding our forests, saving our planet, keepers of the Earth yes we are*

*Plant more trees, reuse, go green, clean our seas, create a safer earth,
Plant more trees, reuse, go green, clean our seas, create a safer earth,*

*Keepers of the Earth, yes we are, keepers of the Nile, land and seas
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Yes we are

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

***Hymn: Give me oil in my lamp**

No. 655

1. Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;
keep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain:

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the Servant King;
sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna, let us sing!**

2. Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;
give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;
keep me praising till the break of day. **(Refrain)**

Refrain:

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the Servant King;
sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna, let us sing!**

3. Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;
give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;
keep me loving till the break of day.

(Refrain)

4. Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;
give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;
keep me serving till the break of day.

(Refrain)

Benediction

***Threefold Amen**

Postlude: Jesus shall reign wherever the sun

**Remain seated if you are more comfortable*

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***We invite you to join us for lunch in our adjacent hall after the
service.***

All are welcome!

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Coming Events

Sunday, November 23

Intergenerational Worship
Sunday
Documentary Screening with
Lunch, 12noon

Monday, November 24

Dance Fitness, 10:00am

Tuesday, November 25

AH Book Club: "Health for All"
by Jane Philpott, 7:30pm

Wednesday, November 26

Yoga with Erin, 5:30pm
Special Session & Discussion:
How Can Prayer Change Your
Life?, 7:30pm

Saturday, November 29

Great Armour Heights Baking
Club, 1:00pm

Sunday, November 30

Advent 1 Sunday / Sacrament of
Holy Baptism

Monday, December 1

Dance Fitness, 10:00am

Thursday, December 4

AHPC serves Christmas Dinner at
Evangel Hall Mission, 4:30pm

Sunday, December 7

Advent 2 Sunday / Sacrament of
Holy Communion

Monday, December 8

Dance Fitness, 10:00am

Wednesday, December 10

The Christmas Story in the Bible:
What you know & what you may
not know, 7:30pm in person and
online

Friday, December 12

Youth Group, 7-9pm
Choir Christmas Concert, 7:30pm



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