

World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2024

Piano prelude: Sonata in C

W. A. Mozart

***Hymn: Lord Jesus, you shall be my song**

No. 665

1. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell everybody about you
wherever I go:
for our life and our peace
and our love is yourself.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song
as I journey.

2. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful
reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea
and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long
as I journey.

3. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving
your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus,
make me your servant.

4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of my family you saved by our love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.
Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We have gathered for worship as people on a life journey.

**We have gathered for worship as those seeking faith, hope and love
to light our way.**

We have gathered as those who have known pain, but also joy.

We have gathered as those who have known failure, but also victory.

We have gathered as those who have known turbulence within,
conflict without and uncertainty about the future.

**But we have also gathered as those who have experienced God's
providence in our lives, having brought us to where we are and ready
to take us into the next chapter of our lives.**

ALL: Let us worship God, together!

***Hymn: O matchless beauty of our God**

No. 566

1. O matchless beauty of our God
so ancient and so new,
kindle in us your fire of love;
fall on us as the dew!

2. How late we came to
love you, Lord;
how strong the hold of sin!
Your beauty speaks
from all that is;
your likeness pleads within.

3. You called and cried,
yet we were deaf;
our stubborn wills you bent;
you shed your fragrance,
and we caught
a moment of its scent.

4. You blazed and sparkled,
yet our hearts
to lesser glories turned;
your radiance touched us
far from home;
your beauty in us burned!

5. And should our faith grow weak and fall,
tried in the wilderness,
let beauty blossom out of ash
and streams of water bless!

6. O matchless beauty of our God
so ancient and so new,
enfold in us your fire of love;
anoint us with your dew!
Prayer of Approach and Confession

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

Choir: One bread, one body

John B. Foley (No. 540)

Refrain:

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.**

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.

Refrain

2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

Refrain

4. Fruit of the vine, gathered and crushed,
poured out and blest for all.

Refrain

Scripture Reading: Excerpts from the book of Jonah (*see sermon link*)

Sermon: THE JOURNEY OF LIFE
(*Silent Meditation*)

Rev. Dr. Harris Athanasiadis

Solo: Panis Angelicus

Cesar Franck

Soloist Mila Ionkova

<i>Panis Angelicus</i>	<i>The angel's bread</i>
<i>Fit panis hominum</i>	<i>becomes the bread of men</i>
<i>Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum</i>	<i>The heavenly bread ends all symbols</i>
<i>O res mirabilis</i>	<i>Oh, miraculous thing!</i>
<i>Manducat Dominum</i>	<i>The body of the Lord will nourish</i>
<i>Pauper, pauper servus et humilis</i>	<i>The poor, poor, and humble servant</i>
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Holy Communion

The Iona Creed, based on the Apostles' Creed
and Modified for AHPC

**We Believe in God above us,
Maker and sustainer of all that lives,
Of sun, moon and stars,
Of water, air, and earth,
Of male and female,
All genders, colours and cultures.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
Born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.
He was tortured and nailed to a cross.
He bore the suffering of others, but died himself forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
And his reign will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
The Holy Spirit of transforming flame,
Life-Giving breath of the church,
Energy of healing, justice and forgiveness,
Source of resurrection and life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again. Hallelujah!**

**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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of Elements

Prayer after communion (Unison):

Thank you for feeding us in this meal, O God. Thank you for entering into us and becoming food for our bodies and souls, O Christ. Thank you for becoming the crucified life of Christ rising up in us into newness, O Holy Spirit. Transform us this new day as we take up, once again, your call to become the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ for each other and in our world. Embrace us in all our beautiful vulnerability as we journey into ever greater wholeness; Amen.

***Hymn: The love of God comes close**

No. 474

1. The love of God comes close
where stands an open door,
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor.
The love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the love of God is here to stay.

2. The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn.
The peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the peace of God is here to stay.

3. The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears.
The joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the joy of God is here to stay.

4. The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent.
The grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the grace of God is here to stay.

5. The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared as when he came.
The Son of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the Son of God is here to stay.

Benediction

***Threefold Amen**

Organ postlude: Toccata

Bruce Nasmith

**Remain seated if you are more comfortable*

***We invite you to join us for coffee hour and light refreshments in
our adjacent hall after the service.
All are welcome!***

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OUR PURPOSE AS A CHURCH:

**To become the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ for each
other and in the world.**

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Coming Events

Sunday, October 6

World Communion Sunday
Intergenerational Band Rehearsal

Monday, October 7

Dance fitness, 10:00am

Wednesday, October 9

"Where Is God In The Face Of Human
Suffering & Injustice? The Biblical Book Of
Job: A Study" 7:30pm

Sunday, October 13

Thanksgiving Sunday
Intergenerational Band Rehearsal

Monday, October 14

Dance fitness, 10:00am

Wednesday, October 16

"Where Is God in the Face Of Human
Suffering & Injustice? The Biblical Book of
Job: A Study" 7:30pm

Friday, October 18

Intergenerational Dinner and Games Night
at AHPC! 6pm Dinner and 7pm games (see
poster for details)

Sunday, October 20

Intergenerational Sunday
EHM Walk to End Homelessness, 2:00pm
after worship (speak to Erin for details)

Monday October 21

Dance Fitness, 10:00am

Wednesday, October 23

"Where Is God in the Face Of Human
Suffering & Injustice? The Biblical Book of
Job: A Study" 7:30pm

Friday, October 25

Halloween Activity - Youth Group - 7pm-
9pm (see poster for details)

Sunday, October 27

Reformation Sunday
Join us following worship for lunch and a
presentation from our refugee
sponsorship family - the Ahmadis. A
sharing of their story out of Afghanistan

Monday, October 28

Dance Fitness, 10:00am

Tuesday, October 29

Literary Society, "Dazzle Patterns" by
Alison Watt, 7:30pm In Person and Online



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