

March 23rd, 2025

Threshold Music

Flutes

Holly Fisher & Bonnie LaMondia

Prelude

Serenade to Spring- R. Lovland

K.Caton

*The music of the prelude begins the worship experience.
We invite you to sit quietly and allow the Holy Spirit to
speak to you through the notes of the music at this time.*

Words of Welcome
Pass the Peace of Christ
Opening Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

#519

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won

Stony the road we trod
Bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died
Yet with a steady beat
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered
Out from the gloomy past
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

God of our weary years
God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand
True to our God
True to our native land

Call to Worship

L: God is great and performs wonderful deeds.

**All: Teach us your ways, O Lord,
that we may live according to your truth!**

L: Grant us purity of heart, so that we may honor you.

All: With all our heart I will praise you, O Lord our God.

L: We will give glory to your name forever, for your love for us is very great.

All You rescue us from the depths of death.

L: But you, O Lord, are a God of compassion and mercy,

All: slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. We Praise your Holy Name. Amen.

**First Reading
Anthem**

Psalm 63: 1-8
Nearer My God to Thee- L. Mason arr.

Daniel Corthell
K. Caton

Pastor's Time with Children.

Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication Prayer

Time of Intercession

Pastoral Prayer over our Joys and Concerns:

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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn

Savior Like a Shepard Lead Us

#381

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Second Reading

Luke 13: 1-9

Daniel Corthell

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Second Chance

Rev. Dr. Ricki Aiello

Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Benediction:

Rev. Dr. Ricki Aiello

Postlude

Prepare the Way- D. Paxton

K. Caton

**Please stand if you are able.*

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