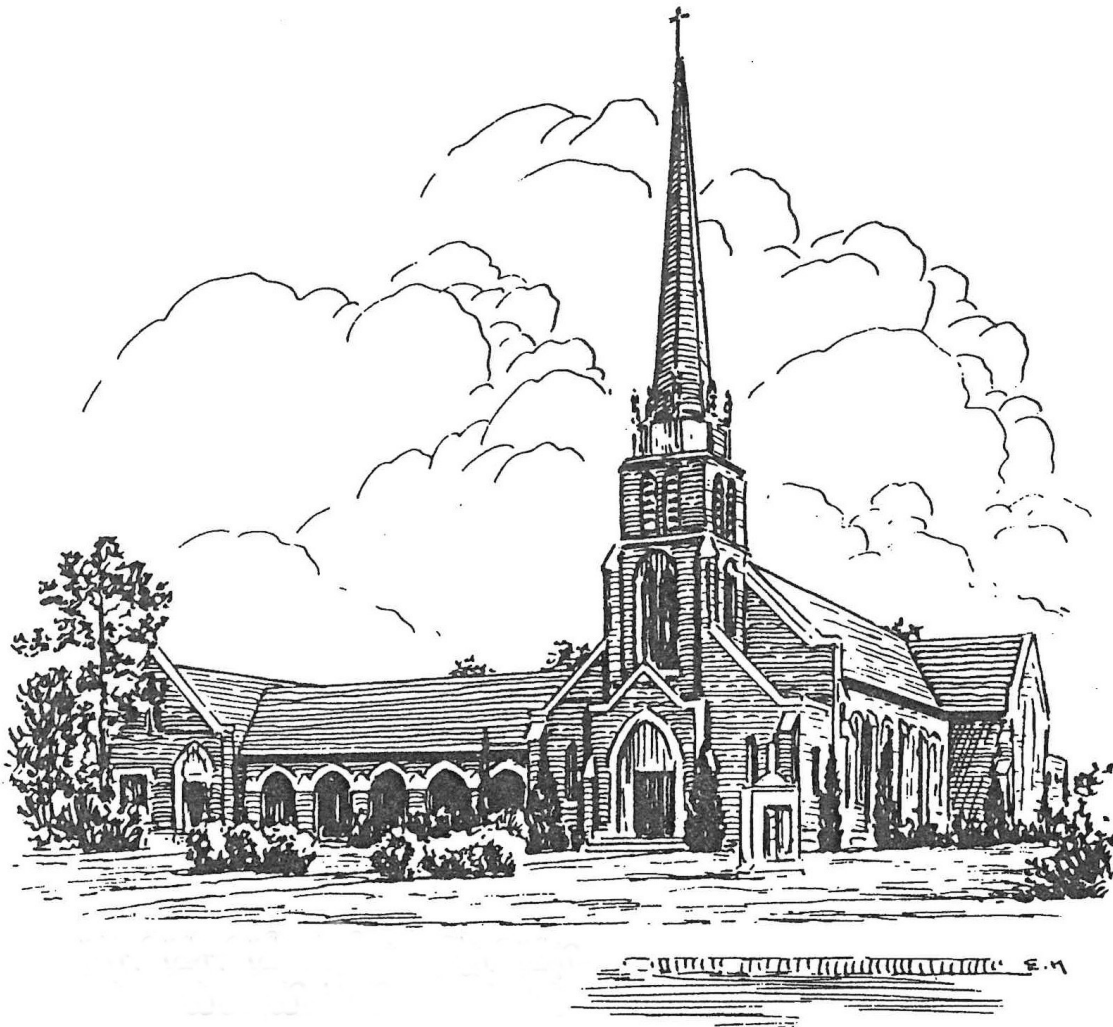


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ALIVE! Worship Service**

INTRODUCTION

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

God the Sculptor of the Mountains



1 God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mill-er of the
 2 God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the
 3 God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the
 4 God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined

sand, God the jewel-er of the heav-ens,
 sea, God the pil-lar in the dark-ness,
 wheat, God the reap-er of the har-vest,
 youth, God the ta-ble-turn-ing proph-et,

God the pot-ter of the land: you are womb of all cre-
 God the bea-con of the free: you are fount of all de-
 God the source of all we eat: you are host at ev-'ry
 God the re-sur-rect-ed truth: you are pres-ent ev-'ry

a-tion, we are form-less; shape us now.
 liv-rance, we are sight-less; lead us now.
 ta-ble, we are hun-gry; feed us now.
 mo-ment, we are search-ing; meet us now.

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JENNINGS-HOUSTON

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Build Us Up, Lord



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!

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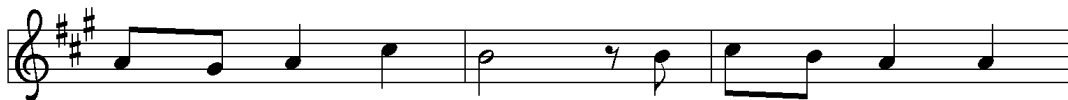
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We Walk by Faith

Verses 1,3 & 5



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

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A READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM HYMN

Psalm 92 (*O Most High*)

Verse

It is good to praise You Lord
And make music to Your name oh Most High
(REPEAT)

(Oh Most High)

Pre-Chorus

To proclaim Your love in the morning
And Your faithfulness at night
To proclaim Your love in the morning
And Your faithfulness at night

Chorus 1

Oh I sing for joy
And the sound of Your name
And the works of Your hands
Oh You make me glad
And for all of my life let my song to You rise
Oh Most High

Chorus 2

Oh I sing for joy
And the sound of Your name
And the works of Your hands
Oh You make me glad
And for all of my life let my song to You rise
And for all of my life let my song to You rise
Oh Most High

Ending

It is good to praise You Lord
Oh Most High

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GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

ANTHEM

Our God Myrin, Tomlin, Redmond, & Reeves/arr. Sorenson

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: In Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Only by grace

On-ly by grace can we en - ter, on - ly by grace can we stand;
not by our hu - man en - deav - or,
but by the blood of the Lamb. In - to your pres - ence you call
us, you call us to come.
In - to your pres - ence you draw us, and now by your grace we come,
Fine
now by your grace we come.
Lord, if you mark our trans - gres - sions, who would
stand? Thanks to your grace we are cleansed
D.C. al fine
by the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Gerrit Gustafson

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

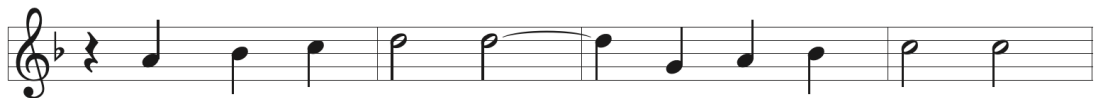
When We Are Living



	<i>Pues si vi - vi - mos,</i>	<i>pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,</i>
1	When we are liv - ing,	it is in Christ Je - sus,
2	'Mid times of sor - row	and in times of pain,
3	A - cross this wide world,	we shall al - ways find



	<i>y si mo - ri - mos</i>	<i>pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.</i>
	and when we're dy - ing,	it is in the Lord. . . .
	when sens - ing beau - ty	or in love's em - brace, . . .
	those who are cry - ing	with no peace of mind; . . .



	<i>Sea que vi - va - mos</i>	<i>o que mu - ra - mos,</i>
	Both in our liv - ing	and in our dy - ing,
	wheth - er we suf - fer,	or sing re - joic - ing,
	and when we help them,	or when we feed them,



	<i>so - mos del Se - ñor,</i>	<i>so - mos del Se - ñor.</i>
	we be - long to God,	we be - long to God.
	we be - long to God,	we be - long to God.
	we be - long to God,	we be - long to God.

2 En la tristeza y en el dolor,
 en la belleza y en el amor,
 sea que suframos o que gocemos,
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

3 En este mundo por doquier habrá
 gente que lloray sin consolar.
 Sea que ayudemos o alimentemos,
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

Text: st. 1, based on Romans 14:8; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, b. 1942
 st. 2-3, Roberto Escamilla, b. 1931; tr. George Lockwood, b. 1946

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Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of all the amazing dads out there! I know I have the best dad in Charlie Sharpe! Our children have the best dad in Harris Hall and our son, Wes Hall, is following in his dad's and Papa Charlie's footsteps! Thank you "dads" for all you do! Wade Roof, you had a great dad and you are following in his footsteps as well! I know Tommy is beaming from Heaven! Hugs and love to you all, Kristi Hall!

Today's Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my dad, Manning Bundrick, whose birthday was June 17th and in honor of Father's Day by Rachel Bundrick.



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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

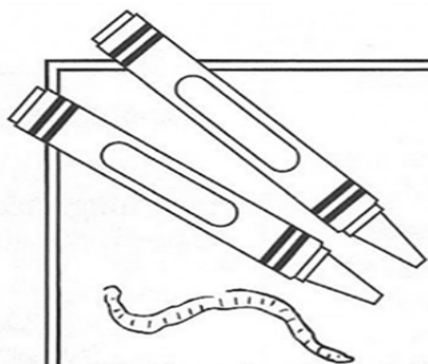
⁴For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.



Just for KIDS

Bugs in the Bible



Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs!

Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.



*Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse.
Circle them in the puzzle below.*

Proverbs 6:6 _____

Exodus 16:20 _____

Psalms 78:45 _____

1 Sam. 24:14 _____

Matt. 23:24 _____

Isaiah 50:9 _____

Judges 14:8 _____

Isaiah 59:5 _____

Acts 12:23 _____

Leviticus 11:22 _____

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Deuteronomy 7:20 _____



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Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Pam Corbacho Kay Lybrand Fulmer, Kasey Davis, Patsy Gambrell, Anna Evans, Brice Mathews, Shepard Belle Isle.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Lauren Addy, Lib Manus, Dennis Rybicki, Sr., Sandra Baker, Betty Keisler
Ron Hutto, Bruce Merchant, Ann Crout, Al & Judy Jordan

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Drewby McQuillen, Mary Davis, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Robert Cromer, Dennis Rybicki, Jr., Emma Lou Easley
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