

The Season of Proper  
Sunday, , August 18, 2024

Welcoming & Announcements

Centering Music Open the Eyes of My Heart by Paul Baloche

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Choral Opening **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** (Voices

*United 400)*

*Words: Ken Medema 1970*

*Music: Ken Medema 1970*

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(please remain seated)

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace! X2

Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn **Oh a Song Must Rise** (More Voices 142)

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*Refrain:* Oh a song must rise  
for the spirit to descend  
Oh a song must rise once again  
Singing out God's praises and glory,  
the faithful voices blend,  
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

1. From the mountains to the valleys,  
from the desert to the sea,  
a song must rise once again.  
From the voices of our leaders,  
the voice of you and me  
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. *Refrain*
2. From poverty and riches,  
from the voice of young and old,  
a song must rise once again.  
From the free and the imprisoned,  
the timid and the bold,  
a song must rise  
for the spirit to descend. *Refrain*
3. From ev'ry house of worship,  
in ev'ry faith and tongue,  
a song must rise once again.  
From the villages and cities  
a new song must be sung,  
a song must rise  
for the spirit to descend. *Refrain*

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Readings

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Reflection "God-Listening Heart"

Hymn of the Day **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**  
(Voices United 266)

Words: John Henry Newton 1779, alt.; v.5 anon., from a Collection of Sacred Ballads  
1790

Music: from Virginia Harmony 1831, adapt. and harm. Edwin O. Excell 1900  
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- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

Invitation to Offering

Offering Response **Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving** (More  
Voices 185) (Chorus)

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- 1 Ev-'ry day is a day of Thanksgiving.  
God, you've been so good to me.  
Ev-'ry day you're blessing me.  
Ev-'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.  
I will glorify you, O my God, today!

Offering Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayers & The Lord' Prayer

Parting Hymn **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me** (Voices  
United 575)

Words: African-American Spiritual

Music: African-American Spiritual, arr. Wendell Whalum

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- 1 I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Benediction

Postlude Yes, Lord, Yes by Lynn Keesecker

Worship Leaders – Beth Parsons  
Music Leader – Glenn Parsons  
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey  
A Time to Wonder – Beth Parsons  
Greeters – Pat & John Macleod  
Scripture Reading – Sue Christensen  
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Stephen Godfrey  
Technical Support – Louise Johnston & Sam Bohner  
Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women's Group