

Cordova Bay United Church  
Sunday, , August 25, 2024  
The Season of Proper

Welcoming & Announcements

Centering Music Near to the Heart of God  
by Cleland B. McAfee, arranged by Craig Curry.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Choral Opening **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** (Voices  
United 400)  
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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!  
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Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** (Voices  
United 220)

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
who rules all creation;  
O my soul, praise him, at all times  
your health and salvation.  
Come, all who hear:  
brothers and sisters draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, above all things  
so mightily reigning,  
keeping us safe at his side,  
and so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
how all you needed has been  
met by God's gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord who will prosper  
our work and defend us;  
surely his goodness and  
mercy will daily attend us:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who out of love will befriend us.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that  
is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from God's people again:  
gladly with praise we adore him.

A Time to Wonder

## Scripture Readings

Psalms 27 1-4

John 5: 3-15

Reflection "A Full Time Job"

## Hymn of the Day **Draw the Circle Wide** (More Voices 145)

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*Refrain* Draw the circle wide.  
Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song,  
no one stands alone,  
standing side by side,  
draw the circle wide.

1. God the still point of the circle,  
'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost but held forever,  
in God's gracious arms. *Refrain*
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders,  
faithful to God's call. *Refrain*
3. Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us,  
open every door. *Refrain*

## 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 **One More Step Along the World I Go** (Voices United 639)

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- 1 One more step along the world I go,  
one more step along the world I go,  
from the old things to the new,  
keep me travelling a long with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.
- 2 Round the corner of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn;  
all the new things that I see  
you'll be looking at along with me:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.

- 3 As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me travelling the way I should;  
where I see no way to go  
you'll be telling me the way, I know:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.
- 4 Give me courage when the world is rough,  
keep me loving though the world is tough,  
leap and sing in all I do,  
keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.
- 5 You are older than the world can be,  
you are younger than the life in me,  
ever old and ever new,  
keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.

### Benediction

### Postlude Let All Things Now Living

by John Purifoy, based on ASHGROVE, a Welsh melody.

Worship Leaders – Beth Parsons  
Music Leader – Sharon Prindle-Collins  
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey  
A Time to Wonder – Beth Parsons  
Greeters – Pat & John Macleod  
Scripture Reading – John Macleod  
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Peggy Dayton  
Technical Support – Bill Walker & Rob Glenn  
Fellowship Time – Men's Breakfast Group