

The Season of Proper  
Sunday, August 27, 2023

Welcoming and Announcements

Centring Music: Deep River

*Traditional American Spiritual  
Arranged by Mark Hayes*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle  
to invite the Spirit of our Lord into our midst.  
May this light bring peace and hope to the world  
and guide our footsteps on life's journey. Amen

Opening Hymn: **And On This Path** (More Voices 8)  
(Please stand as you are able.)

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Music: Linnea Good, 2003  
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- 1 And on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide!  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide  
The gates are open wide!
- 2 So enter in  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
so enter in  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
so enter in  
the gates of holiness are open wide!  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gates are open wide!

Opening Prayer

Loving God, you are everywhere in our world.  
You are here in our midst, within us and among us.  
As we gather in worship, in prayer and praise,  
to hear your Word and pray for others,  
to offer our gifts and ourselves,  
may we be enlivened as your active people  
and leave this place strengthened to walk in your way.  
Amen.

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Reading  
Genesis 7

Choral Response: **Ancient Words**

(Please remain seated.)

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Words of life words of hope  
Give us strength help us cope  
In this world where'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home

Ancient words ever true  
Changing me changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart

Sermon Series: The Oldies But Goodies  
"Keeping Your Boat Afloat"

**Hymn of the Day: Will Your Anchor Hold**

(Voices United 675, Vs. 1, 2, & 4)

(Please stand as you are able.)

*Words: Priscilla Jae Owens 1882*

*Music: William James Kirkpatrick 1882*

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- 1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?  
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,  
when the strong tides lift and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift or firm remain?

*Refrain* We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
fastened to the rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

- 2 It will surely hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers tell that the reef is near;  
though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,  
not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow. *Refrain*

- 4 When our eyes behold, through the gathering night,  
the city of gold, our harbour bright,  
we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,  
with the storms all past for evermore. *Refrain*

Invitation to Offering

We are called to play our part in building up the foundations of love and service. By our giving, we strengthen our commitment to be the people of God.

Our offering will now be received.

**Choral Response: For All Your Goodness, God**

(Voices United 549)

(Please stand as you are able.)

*Words: trad. American*

*Music: trad. German; arr. Darryl Nixon 1987, alt.*

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For all your goodness, God,  
we give you thanks.  
Thanks for the food we eat,  
and for the friends we meet;  
for each new day we greet,  
we give you thanks.

Offering Prayer

Our gifts are our promise to you, loving God:  
A promise of faithfulness to Jesus Christ,  
A promise of support to our faith community,  
A promise of help to the powerless ones.  
In the spirit of your Son, may these gifts spread your love.  
Amen.

Solo: Over the Rainbow (Beth)

*By Harold Arlen*

*Lyrics by Yip Harburg*

*From the film "The Wizard of Oz"*

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

(Voices United 232, Vs. 1, 2, & 4)

(Please stand as you are able.)

*Words: Henry van Dyke 1907, alt.*

*Music: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges 1864*

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- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.
  
- 2 All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
sound their praise eternally.
  
- 4 Mortals join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

Benediction

Postlude: All Creatures of Our God and King

*Arranged by John Purifoy.*

*Based on LASSR UNS ERFREUEN from "Geistliche Kirchengesang".*

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leadership – Sharon Prindle-Collins & Glenn Parsons  
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey  
A Time to Wonder – Pastor Beth Parsons  
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Technical Support – Rob Glenn & Louise Johnston  
Fellowship Time – Men's Breakfast Group  
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