



Sunday, September 17, 2023

Welcoming and Announcements

Centring Music Let All Things Now Living

by John Purifoy, based on Ash Grove a Welsh Melody

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gracious God, with thankful hearts, we gather here where the doors are wide open to all. We come with open hearts and open minds, thankful that we are children of the light of Christ.

Opening Hymn **God, We Praise You for the Morning** (Voices United 415)

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- 1 God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise,
joy in work and in play.

- 2 God, we praise you for creation,
mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
in your bountiful hand.
- 3 God, we praise you for compassion,
all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter,
help your children to grow.
- 4 God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher,
strength and courage you send.
- 5 God, we praise you for the Saviour,
come that we may know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising,
Christ is Lord of our days.

Morning Prayer

Anthem: Be Still My Soul

Music based on Finlandia by Jean Sibelius, arr. Benjamin Harlan

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Reading

Exodus 14: 19-31

The New Creed

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.**

Thanks be to God.

Reflection "Living Waters"

Hymn of the Day **Water Flowing from the Mountains**
(More Voices 87)

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1 Water flowing from the mountains
Water flowing o'er the earth.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water gives us birth.

Refrain Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings,
and living water brings
the love that makes our spirit grow.

2 Water rushing down the rivers.
Water rushing to the sea.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water makes us free. *Refrain*

3 Water springing from the dry place.
Water springing in the sun.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water for each one. *Refrain*

Invitation to Offering

Choral Response **What Can I Do?** (More Voices 191)

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What can I do?
What can I bring?
What can I say?
What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy.
I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love.
I'll do my share.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord' Prayer

Parting Hymn **River Running in You and Me**

(More Voices 163, vs. 1, 4, 5 & 7)

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- 1 River running in you and me,
Spirit of life, deep mystery,
dancing down to the holy sea,
River run deep, River run free.
- 4 I stand on the edge, lookin' down,
too scared to swim, afraid I'll drown
give me the courage to journey on,
Rive run deep, River run free.
- 5 Journey on far from my home,
River break this heart of stone;
teach me to love, make me your own,
River run deep, River run free.
- 7 River singin' in you and me,
Spirit of life, deep mystery,
catches us up in your melody
River run deep, River run free.

Benediction

Choral Response **Wherever You May Go** (More Voices 216)

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Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

Postlude

Prelude in G Major

J.S. Bach

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leadership – Sharon Prindle-Collins
Greeters – Bill and Clare Walker
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Lighting the Christ Candle – Moira Dennis
A Time to Wonder – Pastor Beth Parsons
Scripture Reader – Arnette Anderson
Spirit Kids Program – Moira Dennis and Ruth Schulz
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Louise Johnston
Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women's Group