



Sunday Worship

June 13, 2021

*Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. Amen.

HYMN #370 Morning Has Broken

1. Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall from the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our lives, our words, our foolishness show how hard it is for us to be confident to rest in God's ways and hopes for us, and not become so scared when the winds begin to blow. Let us confess our lack of faith to the One who knows this is the right time to receive forgiveness and hope.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

Patient Lord, you know how we are. We let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. Our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of anger and confusion. And we turn away from you, sure that you can do nothing to alleviate our strife. How foolish we are! How faithless we are! Please forgive us. Help us to learn that you are actively involved in our lives, not as a "puppet master" but as a creative co-worker, seeking healing and hope not only for each of us, but for the whole world. Make us into disciples of peace and compassion; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

WORDS OF BLESSING AND ASSURANCE

Let go of your fears and doubts. God pours God's love on you, in you and through you to others. Be at peace

and say aloud God's good news that is for you: Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 15:34–16:13

³⁴ Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵ Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

16 The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN #19 God of Great and God of Small

1. God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all, God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.
2. God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny, God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.
3. God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found, God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.
4. God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth, God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ He also 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. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself,

first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet 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.”

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

SERMON Kingdom Growth

STATEMENT OF FAITH The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds, planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly so that God’s way may be realized anew in this world. Grant us the humility we need to plant and then tend your precious garden. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN God is Working His Purpose Out (next page)

Unison

1. God is work - ing his pur - pose out As year suc -
 2. What can we do to work God's work, To pros - per
 3. March we forth in the strength of God, With the ban - ner of
 4. All we can do is noth - ing worth Un - less God

Octaves to the end

ceeds to year: God is work - ing his
 and in - crease The broth - er - hood of
 Christ un - furled, That the light of the glo - rious
 bless - es the deed; Vain - ly we hope for the

pur - pose out, And the time is draw - ing near; Near - er and
 all man - kind, The reign of the Prince of Peace? What can we
 gos - pel of truth May shine through-out the world: Fight we the
 har - vest - tide Till God gives life to the seed; Yet near - er and

near - er draws the time, The time that shall sure - ly be,
 do to has - ten the time, The time that shall sure - ly be,
 fight with sor - row and sin To set their cap - tives free,
 near - er draws the time, The time that shall sure - ly be,

When the earth shall be filled with the glo - ry of God
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE