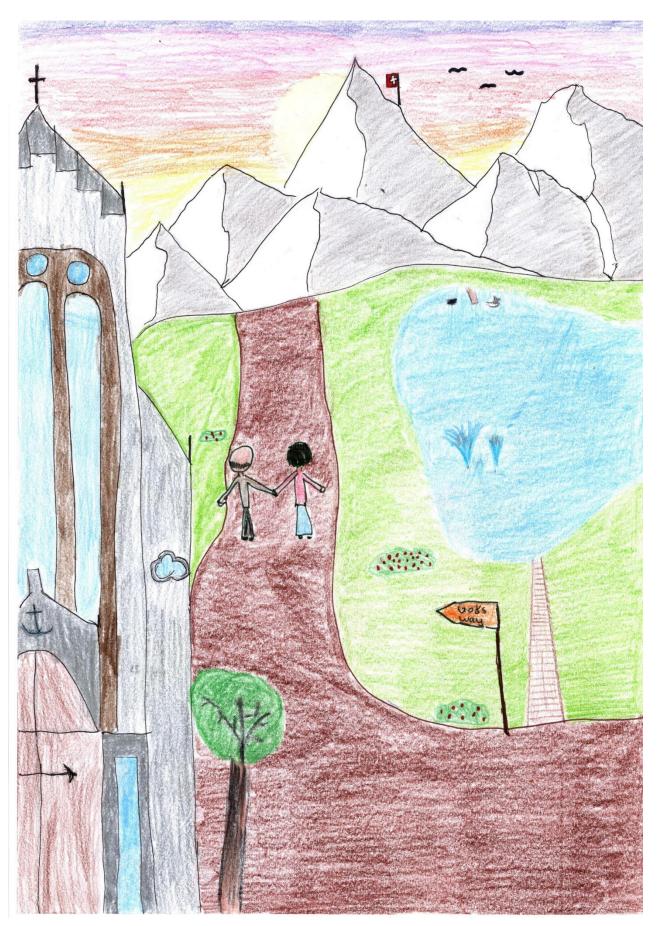


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ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Allegro moderato from concerto Nr. 1 BWV 592 in G Major Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750) Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;

praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with timbrel and dancing,

praise him with the strings and pipe,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,

praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Dennis Wright

Paul Nelson

*Call to Worship

Leader: We all like sheep have gone astray.

People: Shepherd us, keep watch over us, Lord.

Leader: We need your guidance daily.

People: Give us our daily bread, Lord.

Leader: We fully rely on your wisdom and provision.

People: Holy Father, we worship you alone!

*Hymn of Praise

#466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, Arr. Lowell Mason

Examination Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found, **People: call upon him while he is near.**

Leader: Let the wicked abandon their ways **People: and the unrighteous their thoughts.**

Leader: Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;

People: to our God who will richly pardon.

Leader: Let us silently search our hearts, and confess to God our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Our loving God,

we confess that we have been unfaithful

to our covenant with you and with one another.

We have worshiped other gods: money, power, comfort, and convenience.

We have served our own desires

instead of serving you.

We have not loved you and our neighbor as you have commanded.

People: Forgive us, gracious God,

and bring us back into the fullness

of our covenant with you and one another.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God is slow to anger and full of compassion.

He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

People: Amen.

*Gloria Patri

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

Text: Henry W. Greatorex; Tune: Gloria Patri

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 150:1-6 (p. 634)

Paul Nelson

Meditation

"Goodness of God" by Jenn Johnson, Brian Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ed Cash & Ben Fielding

Claire and Heather Altermatt, Vocals; Christine Weeks, Piano

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 20:17-32 (p. 1117)

Sermon Rev. Dennis Wright

"Ending well to continue well"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response

Insert "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Thomas Campbell

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Vicky Lee, Elder for Fellowship & Special Events

Offertory

"Who Am I"

Text and Music: Rusty Goodman

Cheyne Davidson, Baritone; Ruth Pfister, Piano

*Doxology

#592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Vicky Lee

The Lord's Prayer (in English or in the language of your choice)

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Vicky Lee

Announcements

*Hymn of Dedication

#467 "How Great Thou Art"

Text: Carl Gustav Boberg, English version: Stuart K. Hine

Music: Swedish folk melody

*Commissioning and Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Dennis Wright

Benediction

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Text: Numbers 6:24-26; Music: John Rutter

Cheyne Davidson, Baritone; Ruth Pfister, Organ

Postlude

Little Fugue Nr. 8 in B flat Major BWV 560 Johann Sebastian Bach Ruth Pfister, Organ

^{*}Please stand if you are able.