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Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 11:30

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

Prelude in E flat Major

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1656 – 1746)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 27:1-3

The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my
life— of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked advance against
me to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

***Call to Worship**

Peter Chen

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

People: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

***Hymn of Praise #446 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”**

Words: John Newton; Music: Franz Joseph Haydn

Prayer of Confession

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Pardon

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! (Romans 5:8-9)

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)

God’s Will for Our Lives

Leader: Since you have been raised up to be with Christ, you must look for the things that are above, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on things above, not on things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed—and he is your life— you, too, will be revealed with him in glory. (Colossians 3:1-4)

***Gloria Patri #579 “Glory Be to the Father”**

Words by Henry W. Greatorex; Tune: *Gloria Patri*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Song

“God Is Always There” by Toni Sullivan

Children’s Choir
Christine Weeks, Director
Janet Deden, piano

Children’s Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Children are dismissed to their Sunday School classes.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 46 (pp. 570-571)

Peter Chen

Meditation

Andante from Fantasy in F Minor KV 608
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 – 1791)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

New Testament Reading

John 14:25-27 (p. 1083)

Sermon

“A Place of Refuge”

Rev. Mark van Stee

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response** (Insert) “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Words: Isaac Watts; Music: William Croft

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings Dorli Scherer, Children’s Ministry Elder

Offertory

Prelude in C Major BWV 943
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

***Doxology**

#592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Dorli Scherer

The Lord’s Prayer

GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Dorli Scherer

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication** (Insert) “He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought”

Words: Joseph H. Gilmore; Music: William B. Bradbury

***Commissioning and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

Postlude

Fugue in C Major BWV 545
Johann Sebastian Bach

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. For those who need to leave, please do so quietly.

****Please stand if you are able.***