



Sunday, May 4, 2025
All-Church Worship Service
Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Prelude in C Major BWV 567

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 139:1-6

You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

***Call to Worship**

Denise Kurmann

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: The Maker of heaven and earth.

***Opening Song – “Ten Thousand Reasons”**

Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: 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.

People: 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 Pardon

“Only a Holy God”

Words and music: M. Farren, J. Robinson, D. Smith, R. Thompson

Arr.: M. Sullivan, S. Coffman, M. Rogers

IPC Singers; Chandler Cudlipp, Director

God's Will for Our Lives – Matthew 22:37-40

Leader: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

People: “All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

***Song of Response – “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”**

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 8

Tessa Henne

New Testament Reading – Romans 5:6-8

Sermon – “Divine Love/Human Significance”

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

***Song of Dedication – “Psalm 62”**

Installation of New Elders

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts,

People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Pastor: There are different ways of serving God,

People: but it is the same Lord who is served.

Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way,

People: but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Cheyne Davidson, Elder for
Morning Worship

Offertory

“Even If”

Music by: MercyMe, David Garcia, Ben Glover, Crystal Lewis, Tim Timmons

Heather and Claire Altermatt, Vocals

Manuel Constam, Piano

Prayers of the People Dennis Kuriakose, Elder for Personnel, Property & Planning

Welcome of Visitors Patrike Jehle, Elder for Evening Worship

Announcements

***Closing Song** – “In Christ Alone”
Gordon Schultz, Piano

Benediction Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Postlude
Toccata in Seven
John Rutter (1945)
Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

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

Evening Worship Band Members
Joshua Leung Coordinator
Jonah Hansen Piano
Andrew Jehle Piano

Today's bulletin cover art features a section of Italian artist Leonardo Da Vinci's well-known *The Creation of Adam* (1508-1512), a fresco painted on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome. In the fresco, God's right hand (pictured on the right) is outstretched to Adam's left hand (pictured on the left) in an act of life-giving power.