



Sunday, April 7, 2024
Children-led Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Little Prelude Nr. 1 in C Major BWV 553
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 57:8-11

Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn. I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

Introit

Servant's Prayer by Betsy Henderson, arr. Joe Milton

Children's Choir
Christine Weeks, Director

Moya Meades, guitar; Lillian Bliven, steel tongue drum

*Call to Worship

Valerie Meer

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: his love endures forever.

Leader: The LORD is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: his love endures forever.

Leader: We will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: his love endures forever.

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

People: The LORD has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it. (from Psalm 118)

*Hymn of Praise (insert) "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Words: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862; Music: Thomas J. Williams, (1869-1944), 1890

Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all.

People: We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives.

Leader: We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory.

People: Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: When you were dead in trespasses, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.

People: He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Amen. (from Colossians 2:13-15)

God's Will for Our Lives

Leader: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

People: Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 4:32-5:2)

***Gloria Patri**

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

Words: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851; Tune: *Gloria Patri*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 98:1-3 (p. 603)

Deeya Akshintala

Meditation

"Jesus Loves Me"

William B. Bradbury

Children's Choir

Zaara Cherukara, piano

Cecilia Blöchlinger, Aaron Dennis, and Valerie Meer, violin

Moya Meades, guitar; Katherine Weeks, ukulele; Jan Meades, percussion

New Testament Reading

Matthew 28:1-7 (p. 1000)

Zaara Cherukara

Sermon

"An Unsurprising Surprise"

Rev. Mark van Stee

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response** (insert) "In Christ Alone"

Words and music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Dorli Scherer, Children's Ministry Elder

Offertory

"When the Saints Go Marching In" (Traditional)

Children's Choir

Pranay Richard and Leah Abraham, piano

Joshua Cupples, trumpet; Cecilia Blöchlinger and Valerie Meer, violin

Ezra van Staden and Rebecca Cupples, percussion

***Doxology**

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

Words: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

Prayers of the People

Moya Meades

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

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Elka van Staden

Announcements

Dorli Scherer

***Hymn of Dedication #403 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

Words: Joseph Scriven, c. 1855; Music: Charles Crozat Converse, 1868

***Sending and Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

Choral Benediction

"May God Bless Us and Keep Us"

Katie Houts

Children's Choir

Hannah Weeks, Glockenspiel

Postlude

Tonstück op. 22 Nr. 1 in F Major Moderato

Nils Wilhelm Gade (1817-1890)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

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

Today's bulletin art is by:

Top: Adrian Bliven; Bottom: Lillian Bliven.

Children also serving today:

Ushers:

Jan Meades
Ezra van Staden
Siena Breeze
Sayuri Numao
Samuel Soluch

Greeters:

Leah Abraham
Victoria Meer
Asher Abraham
Anna Cavaliere
Emma Cavaliere

Sound/Zoom:

Deeya Akshintala

Welcome Table:

Leah Abraham
Asher Abraham

Altar Guild:

Adrian Bliven

Coffee Fellowship:

Joshua Cupples
Rebecca Cupples
Johanna Fisher
Pranay Richard
Cecilia Blöchlinger
Leah Abraham
Asher Abraham
Amalia Flückiger
Orlando Flückiger
Josef Fisher