

Order of Worship 19 July 2020

Gathering in God's Presence

Greeting

The Bible is full of greetings, and our worship leader greets us in God's name.

Romans 1:7

To all who are in Christ, beloved of God, called to be saints: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm of the Day

We begin our worship with a silent meditation on our Psalm of the Day during the Prelude. Use this time to focus your hearts and minds on God as he speaks to us through his Word.

Psalm 85

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- 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins.
- 3 You set aside all your wrath
and turned from your fierce anger.
- 4 Restore us again, God our Savior,
and put away your displeasure toward us.
- 5 Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger through all generations?
- 6 Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your unfailing love, Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will listen to what God the Lord says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—
but let them not turn to folly.
- 9 Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- 11 Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.
- 13 Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

Prelude

Toccata in F Major BuxWV 157

Dietrich Buxtehude 1637 – 1707

Ruth Pfister, organ

*Call to Worship

Our Call to Worship draws us into conversation with our God, and is usually taken from our Psalm of the Day. We address one another and enter God's presence together.

From Psalm 85

Leader: Because he forgives his own, look to him for unfailing love!

People: Because he covers our sins, we will turn to him for salvation!

Leader: Listen to what God the LORD says!

People: We are his faithful servants: we will listen carefully to his promises!

Leader: Could it be that the Lord will revive his people again? May his faithfulness spring forth!

People: May his love and faithfulness meet as we worship him! May his righteousness and peace kiss!

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation

Having called one another to God's praise, we turn to God and ask for his presence and power.

From Psalm 85

Gracious God, we come into your presence, seeking your favor, your forgiveness, your restoration, and a revival for our spirits and our church under the blessing of your face. We come seeking a glimpse of your unfailing love, which we have known in the past, and which we long to see beaming upon us once again. Show us all your glorious attributes as we worship: your love and faithfulness; your justice and peace; your righteousness and your mercy. Change us each from within, and form us together into a people among whom your Spirit can be "at home." We ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*Song of Praise

With our Song of Praise, we begin our worship by exalting God for who he is and what he has done.

Psalm 85: "Lord, Your Heart in Love Has Yearned"

Text: Irish Psalter (1880), alt. Stager

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 77.77

by George Job Elvey (1859)

("Come, Ye Thankful People, Come")

Ruth Pfister, organ

LORD, your heart in love has yearned

On your lost and fallen land

Israel's race is homeward turned,

You have freed your captive band!

You have borne your people's sin,

Covered all their deeds of ill;

All your wrath is gathered in,
And your burning anger still.

Turn us, keep us, now once more,
God of all our health and peace;
Let your cloud of gloom blow o'er,
From your own your fury cease.
Will you not the storm assuage
On the realm of your desire
Length'ning out from age to age
Your consuming jealous ire?

Will you not in mercy turn?
Turn, and be our life again,
That your people's hearts may burn
With the gladness of your reign.
Show us now your tender love;
Your salvation, LORD, impart;
I will prove your voice above,
List'ning in my silent heart:

Hearing all the LORD would say
"Peace" to all that own his will:
To his saints that love his way,
"Peace," and "turn no more to ill."
You who fear him, close at hand
Now his saving grace you find,
That the glory in our land,
As of old, may dwell and shine!

Mercy now and justice meet,
Peace and truth will yet embrace;
Truth from earth is springing sweet,
Justice looks from her high place.
All his goodness, God will give
Flowing from his bounteous store,
Righteously our God will live,
Justice marching on before!

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

We ask God to make the Scripture fresh, encouraging, and convicting to us as we sit under its ministry.

From Psalm 85

Heavenly Father, as we listen to what you, the LORD our God, say, speak to us according to your love and faithfulness; your righteousness and peace. Renew your

ancient promises to us in the ministry of your Word. By the power of your Spirit, speak grace and truth into our hearts and lives, so that we become a people who are known as your faithful servants. Teach and convict us, so that we do not return to our foolish ways, but grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. In his name, amen.

Old Testament Lesson

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Examination

We reflect on the Psalm of the Day and use it to examine our hearts and minds, leading us to confession of our sin. Please turn in your Bibles to Psalm 85 as we reflect on it together.

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Our Psalm of the Day talks about two things: the character of God, and the character of his people.

The authors know that God's people have not been like God. Verse 2: They've

committed sins and iniquities. And God has been grieved by their failure to be like him. He had been justly angry, as we see in verses 3, 4, and 5.

How did they fail to be like God? Verse 10: God is the one in whom love and faithfulness meet; the one in whom righteousness and peace kiss.

They weren't like God. Neither are we. God is full of truth and grace; honesty and love. We usually only do one of these things: we show love without honesty, or we use the truth as a weapon and fail to show grace.

We've got to repent of showing grace without truth, and telling the truth without grace.

Let us confess our sins together.

Silent Confession

Take a moment to reflect and to confess your sins silently before the Lord.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

We need your forgiveness, Lord, for our failure to reflect your character as a community. Our dishonest love is not real love. Our pursuit of peace without a concern for what's right yields a false peace. Our unloving commitments are not true commitments. Our zeal for holiness without pursuing peace is a counterfeit zeal. Do not be angry with us, but turn toward us in love and faithfulness, through Jesus your Son—perfectly full of both grace and truth. Make us into people who treasure one another, as we all grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

Church of Jesus Christ: Our God is committed to keeping the promises he has made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And that means that God is committed to you, who belong to God's covenant family by the grace of Christ Jesus. As we repent, he restores us again. As we come in honesty, he revives us again. In the perfect life and sacrificial death of Jesus, the Son of God's love and faithfulness, God has shown you favor. He has forgiven your iniquities. He's covered all your sins. He has put away his displeasure. He has set aside his wrath and turned away from his fierce anger. He has shown his unfailing love. He has granted us salvation. Rejoice in your forgiveness, listen to his voice, and prepare the way for his steps with righteous and peaceful lives, to his honor and glory. Amen!

*Gloria Patri

Ruth Pfister, organ

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!

Let the Children Come to Him!

Children's Message

Pastor Sam E. Gyorfi

Preaching of the Word

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Meditation

Peace Like a River

American Folk Song (arr. J. Althouse)

Randal Turner, Baritone

Sermon

The Spirit's Fruit (Part 3): Peace

Responding to God's Word

*Song of Response

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Francis of Assisi; para. James Quinn (b. 1919)

Tune: Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1962)

Ruth Pfister, organ

[Music PDF](#)

Lord, make us servants of your peace:
Where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where there is hurt, may we forgive;
Where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;

Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
Where all is night, may we sow light;
Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
To be consoled, but to console,
Nor look to understanding hearts,
But look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,
But seek to love unselfishly,
For in our giving we receive,
And in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn
Through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
To wake at last in heaven's light.

Prayer for Our Tithes and Offerings

Please consider taking this time to make a contribution to the ministry of our church through an online bank transfer, PayPal, or Twint. For more, [click here](#).

Offertory

Hebrew Folk Song, Traditional
Harry White, saxophone

*Doxology

Ruth Pfister, organ

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

Calling on the Name of the Lord

Prayers of the People

We join together in prayer. We praise God; we pray for our world, for the church, for ourselves, and we pray the Lord's Prayer.

At the end of each petition, the leader will say:

Lord, in your mercy ...

And the congregation may respond:

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Now we pray together the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Going with God's Mission and Blessing

Welcome of Guests

Announcements

*Sending Song

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Text: Fanny Jane Crosby (1873)

Tune: Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1873)

Music PDF

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

*Commissioning and Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face to shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen!

Postlude
Fugue in D Major
Johann Pachelbel 1653 – 1706
Ruth Pfister, organ