



“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”



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Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

Simple Gifts

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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Opening Words

Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

One: And whatever you do

People: **whether in word or deed**

One: do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus

People: **giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

Adapted from Psalm 19:14

Let the words of our mouths, and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

* Hymn

Holy Spirit, come with power

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Holy Spirit, come with power,
breathe into our aching night.

We expect you this glad hour,
waiting for your strength and light.

We are fearful, we are ailing,
we are weak and selfish too.

Break upon your congregation,
give us vigor, life anew.

Holy Spirit, come with fire,
burn us with your presence new.

Let us as one mighty choir
sing our hymn of praise to you.

Burn away our wasted sadness

and enflame us with your love.
Burst upon your congregation,
give us gladness from above.
Holy Spirit, bring your message,
burn and breathe each word anew
deep into our tired living
till we strive your work to do.
Teach us love and trusting kindness,
lend our hands to those who hurt.
Breathe upon your congregation
and inspire us with your word.

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Congregational Prayer

Song

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?

Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

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Who here shops online? How about paying bills online? Perhaps you even schedule your bills to pay automatically each month. Why do we do so much online ... even to the point of automation? Because it's convenient, right?

Why can't giving be convenient too? Who here has their checkbook with them today? Yeah, not a lot of you. People don't carry much cash around with them either. That's why giving online has become more popular over the last few years. It's convenient, easy, secure, and you don't need a checkbook or cash (that you don't have on you anyway) to give.

This morning, I'd like to invite you to give digitally. You can give by going to wrcob.org, our webpage. Then click on "Support our ministry" and donate that way. The first time you do this, you'll need to enter your card information and create an account. You can even schedule a recurring tithe on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. Thank you for giving—whatever method you choose.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 2:8-10; James 2:26 (NRSV)

Ephesians 2:8-10 – For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

James 2:26 – For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

Prepare to Listen *Peace be still and know that I am God* #1120

Peace be still and know that I am God.

Peace be still and know that I am.

Peace be still and know.

Peace be still.

Peace be.

Peace. Peace. Peace.

Sermon

“An Introduction to the Brethren”

GO IN GOD’S NAME

* Closing Hymn

Brethren, come and claim a vision to the tune of #8

Brethren, come and claim a vision by Rosanna Eller McFadden
to the tune: Brethren, we have come to worship (HWB #8)

Brethren, come and claim a vision and give witness in this place;
joined in faith by our decision to embody lives of grace.

Jesus’ followers, telling, giving, until all have seen and heard
by the manner of our living we are grounded in God’s Word.

In a world of fear and danger, our anxieties release;

May we meet both friend and stranger with a ministry of peace.

To the Spirit we surrender, put our trust in God alone;
and our ego and agenda in humility lay down.

When we recognize God’s glory shining in diversity,

we will see that each one's story shapes our whole identity.
Love, in ever-widening circles, knows not gender, creed, or race;
but it holds us—brothers, sisters—like a father's warm embrace.

Praise and thanks to our Creator for the goodness of the earth:
air and water, field and flower, all the creatures and their worth.
In your vineyard let us nourish, tend the good gifts in our care.
Let the fruit of justice flourish for our neighbors everywhere!

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Sarabande

George Frideric Handel

Sarabande by Handel

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