



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



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Under His Wings

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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Opening Words

Deuteronomy 8:10-14a (NLT)

Leader: When you have eaten your fill

People: **be sure to praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.**

Leader: Make sure that you never forget the Lord or disobey God's laws and teachings that I am giving you today.

People: **For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in, and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, be careful!**

Leader: Do not become proud at that time

People: **and forget the Lord your God.**

* Opening Prayer

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Holy God, you reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us so that we may live as faithful servants of you alone. Unchain us from our desire for wealth and power so that we may, in turn, release others from the prisons of poverty, hunger, and oppression. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

For the beauty of the earth (vv. 1-2, 4)

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For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun & moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth & friends above, for all gentle thoughts & mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Godspeed for Sandi Davis

Song *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* (vs. 1) VT #840

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, up hold you,
May the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Congregational Prayer (ending, in unison, with...)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Song *Simple Gifts* Shaker Hymn

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free,
'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be.
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
it will be in the valley of love and delight.

Refrain:

When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;

to turn, turn will be our delight,
till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

'Tis a gift to be humble, 'tis a gift to be kind,
'tis a gift to leave all selfishness behind.

'Tis a gift to be gentle, 'tis a gift to be wise,
'tis a gift to see through another's eyes. *[Refrain]*

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

Church Offering Talks from Tithe.ly

All of us set limits on ourselves and what we can and cannot do. We tell ourselves that we don't have enough time or money. We may think we don't really know what we're doing or that we're too old (or too young).

Regardless of what you own, how much you earn, the skills you possess, or your age, you can be faithful to God today with what you have—even if you think it's little.

Recently, a little boy's family adopted a kitten for him from a local animal shelter for his birthday. Inspired by the work at the shelter, this young boy asked his parents to help him donate to the shelter. Over the course of a week, he was able to round up food, toys, blankets, and other supplies the shelter desperately needed.

Serve God with what you have. Commit to Him.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

I Come to the Garden Alone /

Miles

Why Should I Feel Discouraged

Martin/Gabriel

Scripture Lesson

I Timothy 6:6-9, 17-19 (NRSV)

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can

take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Sermon “An Introduction to the Brethren, Part 3”

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: HOLY MANNA (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**

Now go out in courage continuing the work of Jesus, peacefully,
simply, and together!

Postlude

Follow My Highland Shepherd

Jessica Walsh

* Please stand as able and led



Ministers	All Members
Pastor	David Whitten
Worship Leader	Zherina Whitten
Children's Time	Sarah Beers
Special Music	Alyce Newman
Flautist	Sarah Beers
Guitarist	David Whitten
Pianist	Bob Phillips
Violinist	Bill Kinzie
Director of Technology & Media.....	Kevin Beers