



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

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# Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

*How Beautiful Are the Feet*

G. F. Handel

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion “Your God reigns!”” – Isaiah 52:7 (NIV)

Did Isaiah have our David in mind when he wrote this? It surely fits! I chose this as my “two cents worth” contribution to Pastor Appreciation. (BP)

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Opening Words

One: Some of us are exhausted

Many: **We come to rest.**

One: Some of us are curious about Jesus

Many: **We come to learn.**

One: Some of us are hungry.

Many: **We come to be fed.**

One: Some of us are disoriented.

Many: **We come to pray.**

One: Some of us are broken.

Many: **We come to be healed.**

One: We will gather around you today, O Christ.

Many: **Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.**

*ALL: GRANT US YOUR PEACE.*

### \* Opening Prayer

We praise you, God—in the sanctuary and under the stars; for your greatness and for your goodness; with loud hymns and quiet prayers; with helping hands and dancing feet; with all our breath and with all creation; we praise you, God. Amen.

\* **Opening Song**

*Come, now is the time to worship*

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Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are, to worship.

Come, just as you are, before your God.  
Come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess you are God,  
one day ev'ry knee will bow.  
Still, the greatest treasure remains  
for those who gladly choose you now.

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## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

**Children's Time**

# Congregational Prayer

## Song

*We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

Spiritual

- 1 We are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
Children of the cross.
  
- 2 Every rung goes higher, higher,  
Every rung goes higher, higher,  
Every rung goes higher, higher,  
Children of the cross.
  
- 3 Sinner, do you love my Jesus?  
Sinner, do you love my Jesus?  
Sinner, do you love my Jesus?  
Children of the cross.
  
- 4 If you love him, why not serve him?  
If you love him, why not serve him?  
If you love him, why not serve him?  
Children of the cross.

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

### Thoughts on Giving

Tithe.ly

As we prepare to give our tithes and offerings this morning, I want to draw your attention to something Jesus said about offerings. In Luke 21, we read, "He saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasure. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins." Upon seeing this happen, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Now, we'd never ask anyone to give all they had to live on. However, the principle here is that the amount of the offering isn't the main issue. The motives of the heart and the sacrifice required by the giver are more meaningful than the dollar amount of the gift. Whatever the amount of your gift today, remember that God cares much more about the state of your heart as you give than the amount of the gift itself.

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

### Special Music

*Candle on the Water*

arr. Kevin McChesney

### Scripture Lesson

Genesis 28:10-19a (NRSV)

#### Jacob's Dream at Bethel

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

<sup>18</sup> So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup> He called that place Bethel.

**Sermon**

“The Lord is in This Place”

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

**\* Closing Song**

*God of grace and God of glory*

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- 1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown the ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us,  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts to love and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.
- 3 Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation

be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

*When the Shadows Flee*

E. O. Sellar

\* Please stand as able and led



<b>Ministers</b> .....	<b>All Members</b>
Pastor.....	David Whitten
Worship Leader .....	Sandy Faw
Song Leader.....	
Special Music .....	Our Handbell Choir
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Guitarist.....	David Whitten
Pianist .....	Bob Phillips
Violinist .....	Bill Kinzie
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