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Communion Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

Rest in Peace

Gordon Young

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

I Chronicles 16:28-29 (NLT)

One: O nations of the world, recognize the Lord

Many: recognize that the Lord is glorious and strong.

One: Give to the Lord the glory he deserves!

Many: Bring your offering and come into his presence.

ALL: Worship the Lord is all of his splendor.

* Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn

O worship the Lord

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1 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
in the beauty of holiness, in the beauty of holiness.

Glory to the Father, abounding in mercy!

Be joyful, all ye people, and magnify the Lord God!

Refrain:

O glory hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,

O come before his presence and glorify his name.

2 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
in the beauty of holiness, in the beauty of holiness.

Glory be to Jesus, our gracious Redeemer!

We praise Him, for He loved us, and brought a great salvation.

[Refrain]

- 3 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
in the beauty of holiness, in the beauty of holiness.
Glory to the Spirit, the holy revealer!
Sing praises to the Spirit, to the Father, and the Savior.
[Refrain]

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Congregational Prayer

Hymn *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* #743 (Voices Together)

- 1, 5 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.
- 2 I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

Time with Our Children

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

William Arthur Ward

Giving is more than a responsibility—it is a privilege,
more than an act of obedience—it is evidence of our faith.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

Nothing is lost on the breath of God

Colin Gibson

Nothing Is Lost On The Breath Of God by Colin Gibson

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- 1 Nothing is lost on the breath of God,
nothing is lost forever;
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world forever.
No feather too light, no hair too fine,
no flower too brief in its glory;
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,
but is counted and told in God's story.
- 2 Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,
nothing is lost forever.
God sees with love, and that love will remain,
holding the world forever.
No journey too far, no distance too great,
no valley of darkness too blinding;
no creature too humble, no child too small
for God to be seeking and finding.
- 3 Nothing is lost to the heart of God,
nothing is lost forever;
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world forever.
No impulse of love, no office of care,
no moment of life in its fullness;
no beginning too late, no ending too soon,
but is gathered and known in its goodness.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:18 (NRSVUE)

¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

Sermon

“Slaughter of the Innocents”

Service of Communion

(Presbyterian Church)

Examination

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: **The Lord bless you.**

One: Prepare our hearts and minds, Lord, to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that hearing, we may also obey your will through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: **Amen**

Scripture

1st Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night that he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as, often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Affirmation

One: We shall affirm our faith in God's love for the world and its people:

Many: **God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. God sent his son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. This is our faith. Lord, help our faith to grow.**

Communion

One: This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast he has prepared.

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: It is our delight, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light', and the light came, to shine on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms. You have created us to hear your word, to do your will, and to be filled in your love.

Many: **It is right to thank you. You sent your son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.**

One: Your Son came to give us life and to set us free from sin. His cross takes our guilt away. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all who love you, who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and joyful hearts.

Many: **Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just, glory and goodness come from you. Glory to you, most high and gracious God.**

One: God of the past and the present, with this bread and wine we remember your son.

Many: **We thank you for his life, his death and resurrection. We look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.**

One: God of love, send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that as we receive this bread and wine we shall by faith receive the body and blood of Christ.

Many: **Called to follow him, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to serve, give us hope in our calling.**

Receiving Communion

Words of Institution (in unison)

The Bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

Words of Institution (in unison)

The Cup which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

(New English Version - adopted by the Church of England in 1977)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.

One: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you with all our heart for your mercy and grace. Give us now and in the days to come a living hope in you; and as we serve you in the world, help us look and work for that day when at your name every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess you Lord to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Closing Hymn

When we walk with the Lord

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- I When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

- 2 Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
 but our toil he doth richly repay.
 Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
 but is bless'd if we trust and obey. *[Refrain]*
- 3 But we never can prove the delights of his love,
 until all on the altar we lay,
 for the favor he shows, and the joy he bestows,
 are for them who will trust and obey. *[Refrain]*
- 4 Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
 or we'll walk by his side in the way.
 What he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
 never fear, only trust and obey. *[Refrain]*

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Have Faith In God

Todd Billingsley

* Please stand as able and led



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