



Be  
Still

*before the LORD*

*and*

Wait  
Patiently  
*for him.*

Psalm 37:7

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



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## Welcome

Organ Prelude

*Chorale and Variation*

Wihla Hutson

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Call to Worship

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

### \* Opening Prayer

O God from whom every gift derives, we gather to worship You this day. You are an awesome God, greater than our comprehension or our imagination. You are beyond any word we could ever use to describe You. And yet, through Jesus, we know the intimacy of Your vast love.

We have come to You in thanksgiving and praise, to know that You are God and to place our lives anew into Your perspective. Enlarge our vision this hour with Your Word. Instill in us, again, Your hope in place of our despair, Your peace where our hatred threatens, Your joy amidst our depression, Your love overwhelming our apathy.

May Your Holy Spirit surround and indwell this congregation now, and forevermore. In Jesus we pray. Amen.

### \* Opening Hymn *'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus*

# 340

Verse 1: 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
and to take him at his word,  
just to rest upon his promise,  
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

*[Refrain] Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,  
how I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
Oh, for grace to trust him more!*

Verse 2: Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
and to trust his cleansing blood,  
just in simple faith to plunge me  
'neath the healing, cleansing flood. *[Refrain]*

Verse 3: Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
and from sin and self to cease,  
just from Jesus simply taking life,  
and rest, and joy, and peace. *[Refrain]*

Verse 4: I'm so glad I learned to trust you,  
precious Jesus, Savior, Friend,  
and I know that you are with me,  
will be with me to the end. *[Refrain]*

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

### Old Testament Reading

Psalms 37:7-11 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup> Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.

<sup>8</sup> Stop being angry! Turn from your rage! Do not lose your temper—it only leads to harm. <sup>9</sup> For the wicked will be destroyed, but those who trust in the LORD will possess the land.

<sup>10</sup> Soon the wicked will disappear. Though you look for them, they will be gone. <sup>11</sup> The lowly will possess the land and will live in peace and prosperity.

### Time with Our Children

## Song

*Christ be in my mind (Teresa's Prayer)*

# 1133

*"Christ be in my mind"* by Joseph Helfich

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Christ be in my mind and in my thinking,  
Christ be in my eyes, in ev'rything I see,  
Christ be in my ears and in my hearing,  
Christ be in my mouth, in ev'ry word I speak,  
Christ be in my heart and in my loving,  
Christ be in my life, each moment that I live.

## Congregational Prayer

# WORSHIP IN GIVING

## Thoughts on Giving

Fred M. Wood

The most important aspect of tithing and stewardship is not the raising of money for the church, but the development of devoted Christians.

## Organ Special Music

*No Brief Hour Vanishes*

J. S. Bach

# LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

## Scripture Lesson

James 1:19-21 (*NLT*)

<sup>19</sup> Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. <sup>20</sup> Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. <sup>21</sup> So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

## Song

*10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord*

# 111 VT

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* by Matt Redman

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*Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Oh, my soul  
worships your holy name. Sing like never before,  
O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

Verse 1: The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes. *[Refrain]*

Verse 2: You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *[Refrain]*

Verse 3: And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near, and my time has come,  
still, my soul will sing your praise unending  
ten thousand years and then forever more! *[Refrain]*  
I'll worship your holy name.  
worship your holy name; worship your holy name.

## Sermon

7 Life-Giving Virtues: Patience  
"Serenity Now!"

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \* Closing Hymn

*Spirit of God! Descend*

#557 VT

Verse 1: Spirit of God! descend upon my heart.  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Verse 2: I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies,  
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Verse 3: Hast thou not bid us love thee, Holy One?  
All, all thine own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind.  
I see thy cross—there call my heart to run.  
Oh, let me seek thee, and oh, let me find!

Verse 4: Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh.  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,

to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Verse 5: Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame;  
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,  
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

**\* Benediction**

Pastor: Go now remembering...  
People: **Patience with Others is Love.**  
Pastor: Be easy on yourself...  
People: **Patience with Self is Hope.**  
Pastor: Have faith...  
People: **Patience with God is Faith.**  
ALL: *AMEN.*

**Piano Postlude**

*He Leadeth Me*

William Bradbury

*He leadeth me, oh blessed thought! O words with  
heavenly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

*He leadeth me by his own hand. His faithful follower I  
would be. For by his hand he leadeth me.*

*And when my task on earth is done, When by thy grace  
the victory's won, E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
Since God through Jordon leadeth me.*

\* Please stand as able and led



<b>Ministers</b> .....	<b>All Members</b>
Pastor..... David Whitten	Flautist ..... Sarah Hartman
Worship Leader..... Barbara Beers	Guitarist ..... David Whitten
Children's Time..... Sarah Hartman	Violinist ..... Bill Kinzie
Special Music..... Bob Phillips	Media & Tech Director..... Kevin Beers