

Anyone who
listens to my
teaching and
follows it
is wise

*"Continuing the work of Jesus.
Peacefully. Simply. Together."*



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Welcome

Prelude Duet

Reflections

Carl Simone

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

#851 *Voices Together*

One: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence.

Many: **Jesus calls us to worship.**

One: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity.

Many: **Jesus calls us to love.**

One: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision.

Many: **Jesus calls us to justice,**

One: we hear the call of Christ.

ALL: WE WORSHIP TOGETHER WITH JOY.

* Opening Prayer

#1029 *Voices Together*

Christ, whose insistent call disturbs our settled lives: give us discernment to hear your word, grace to relinquish our tasks, and courage to follow empty-handed wherever you may lead; that the voice of your gospel may reach to the ends of the earth. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

Sing a New World into Being

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Verse 1:

Sing a new world into being.

Sound a bold and hopeful theme.

Find a tune for silent yearnings.

Lend your voice and dare to dream:

dream a church where all who worship
find their lives and loves belong.
Sing a new world into being.
Sing as Christ inspires your song.

Verse 2:

Sing a new world into being
where each gender, class, and race
brings its rainbow gifts and colors
to God's limitless embrace;
where the lines that once divided
form instead the ties that bind.
Sing a new world into being:
risk transforming heart and mind.

Verse 3:

Sing a new world into being
where the homeless find a home;
where no children ever hunger,
but are filled with God's shalom;
where all people work for justice;
where all hate and vengeance cease.
Sing a new world into being:
raise the harmonies of peace.

Verse 4:

Sing a new world into being.
Join the ancient prophet's cry
for a time of health and plenty
when all tears have been wiped dry;
when compassion flows like waters,
pouring balm for all who grieve.
Sing a new world into being:
live the promise you believe.

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with our Children

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 11:18-21 (NLT)

¹⁸ “So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. ¹⁹ Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. ²⁰ Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹ so that as long as the sky remains above the earth, you and your children may flourish in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors.

Song

All Who Are Thirsty (2x)

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Verse: All who are thirsty,
all who are weak,
come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow
be washed away
in the waves of God’s mercy,
as deep cries out to deep.
We sing...

Refrain:

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. John Harvey (Church of the Scotland)

(ending in unison with the Lord’s Prayer #989A Voices Together)

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.

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

Sue Bender

Gratitude makes everyday sacred. Expressing our gratitude is a gift to the giver. Gratitude for small things makes every day a gift.

Special Music

I Would Be True

arr. John Turner

*I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare,
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.*

*I would be friend of all--the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up, and laugh and love and lift;
I would look up, and laugh and love and lift.*

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 7:24-29 (NLT)

²⁴ “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

Sermon

“Level Up”

Tyler Goss & Chelsea Goss Skillen

Anointing and Laying on of Hands

Litany

All: *Go now with God;*

One: be not tempted to stay in the safety of the known places. Move from where you are to where God points. Hasten from here toward a God who beckons.

All: *Go now with God;*

One: be not tempted to go only in your time, when it suits, when it is sure. Bestir yourself now, for now is God's time.

All: *Go now with God;*

One: elect not to go alone; give your allegiance, your destination to no other; choose to go with God.

All: *Go now with God;*

One: Go in the faith that there is no valley so low, no wilderness so vast, no passage so crooked, no way so confused, that God is not already there waiting to be with you. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Closing Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

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Build Your Kingdom Here by Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson, William Herron

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Verse 1:

Come set your rule, and reign in our hearts again.

Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,

like wildfire in our very souls;

Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.

We are your church; we need your pow'r in us.

Verse 2:

We seek your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;

refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize.
 To see the captives' hearts released,
 the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace,
 we lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
 We are your church; we pray, revive this earth.

Refrain:

*Build your kingdom here. Let the evil fear.
 Show your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
 Set your church on fire. Win your people back.
 Change the atmosphere. Build your kingdom here, we pray!*

Verse 3:

Unleash your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
 No force of hell can stop your beauty, changing hearts.
 You made us for much more than this;
 awake the kingdom seed in us.
 Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
 We are your church; we are the hope on earth.

Refrain: (2x)

*** Benediction**

Piano Postlude

Finale

L. N. Porter

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