

PRAISE



THE LORD!



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Welcome

Prelude

It Is Well with My Soul

Philip Paul Bliss

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Opening Words

Psalm 150:1-2

One: Praise God in his sanctuary
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Many: Praise him for his acts of power,
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

ALL: PRAISE THE LORD

* Opening Prayer

Holy One of Israel, King David returned the Ark of the Covenant to Israel so that the people could honor you in your house of worship. Receive our praise in this house of worship, as we rejoice in your presence. Amen.

* Opening Song *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* # 88 VT

Verse 1:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.
O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation.
Come, all who hear, now to God's temple draw near.
Join me in glad adoration.

Verse 2:

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,
guarding with sheltering wings, ever gently sustaining.

Have you not seen all that is needed has been
held in God's gracious ordaining?

Verse 3:

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us.
Surely God's goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with great love still befriends us.

Verse 4:

Praise to the Lord, for in wonder my spirit is soaring!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises outpouring!
Let the "amen" sound from God's people again,
gladly forever adoring!

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Children's Time (children, over 5, can go to Children's Church)

Song

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Michael O'Shields

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I will call upon the Lord

Who is worthy to be praised;

So shall I be saved from my enemies.

I will call upon the Lord (I will call upon the Lord.)

Who is worthy to be praised; (Who is worthy to be praised;)

So shall I be saved from my enemies. (So shall I be saved from my enemies.)

*The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted;
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.*

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Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 150:3-6, NIV

³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, ⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, ⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. ⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Congregational Prayer

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Special Music

Amazing Grace

Newton

Thoughts on Giving

Giving Magazine

Live Simply: Act Together

In the upper room, at the last supper, Jesus gives this new commandment to his disciples: love one another. They (we) are to love one another as he has loved them (us). It is about witness to the world. It is how the world around us will see and know that we are disciples of Jesus. This commandment is about community. It is about the common good. It is about our living as disciples of Jesus. He commands that we follow him together. He commands us to love one another.

These are strange and foreign words in a culture that worships individualism. It is an odd concept in an economy that is based on the premise that the one who dies with the most things wins. It is hard to comprehend this commandment in a time when we all seek something more – more house, more car, more status, more power, more stuff. In this drive for more we find ourselves isolated and feeling alone. We are driven to protect our stuff. So we fear our neighbor, we build higher fences and security systems, we live in fear of losing what we have accumulated.

Jesus commands us to love one another. He calls us into relationships; he calls us into his community. His command is to

love one another as he has loved us! In this community we move into relationship with Jesus and one another.

This truly is a radical command. In our culture of individualism, none of us has enough. We all are driven to get more. But in this community if Jesus's disciples, we begin to see that God provides us with more than enough!

Song

Praise God (Dedication Anthem)

#70 VT

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God all creatures here below,
praise God all creatures here below,
praise God above, praise God above,
praise God above, ye heav'nly host,
praise God above, praise God above,
praise God above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, amen, amen.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, amen, amen,
hallelujah, amen, hallelujah, amen.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, NIV

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

6 David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. ² He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. ³ They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it.

⁵ David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.

Sermon “The Ark Has Come to Town”

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*** Song**

Hallelu, Hallelujah!

James Wright

Hallelu, Hallelujah! by James Wright

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*** Benediction**

Postlude

Reach Out and Touch

Charles F. Brown

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