



... WHOEVER
PRACTICES AND
TEACHES THESE
COMMANDS
WILL BE CALLED

**great in the
kingdom
of
heaven.**

MATTHEW 5:19, NIV



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2nd Sunday after Pentecost

We gather to “sing aloud to God our strength;
[to] shout for joy to the God of Jacob” (Psalm 81:1, NRSV).
Welcome to worship.

Welcome

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Organ Prelude

Meditation for Worship

Franklin Ritter

Meditation for Worship by Franklin Ritter

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* Call to Worship

Psalm 119:33-35 NRSVUE

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

* Opening Prayer

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers>

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Turn our feet from evil paths, our hands from shameful deeds, our minds to your wisdom, and our hearts to your grace. Amen.

* Opening Song

Lead Me, Guide Me

601 ^{VT}

*Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.*

*Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

Verse 1:

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain

Verse 2:

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness.
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain

Verse 3:

I am lost if you take your hand from me.
I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with our Children

Song

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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Verse 1:

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
delight in God whose praise you tell,
whose presence calls you to rejoice.

Verse 2:

Know that there is one God indeed,
who fashions us without our aid,
who claims us, gives us all we need,
whose tender care will never fade.

Verse 3:

Enter the sacred gates with praise,
with joy approach the temple walls.
Extol and bless our God always
as people whom the Spirit calls.

Verse 4:

Proclaim again that God is good,
whose mercy is forever sure,
whose truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

Be Still My Soul

arr. Greg Maroney

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

Hebrews 13:16 NRSVUE

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Time of Giving

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

African-American Spiritual

* Song of Giving

Grant Us Lord the Grace

#746 ^{VT}

Grant us, God, the grace of giving with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer unto thee.

* Prayer for the Gifts

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:17-20 NRSVUE

The Law and the Prophets

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Song

Gravity of Love

#494 ^{VT}

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Verse 1:

I lift my eyes up to the hills.
This my morning song, where my strength comes from.
I lift my eyes up to the hills.
This my evening song, where my help comes from.

Refrain:

*This is the gravity of love;
just as the moon follows the sun,
you're all around me,
you're holding ev'rything.
This is the hope of ev'ry land;
just as the universe expands,
your love is reaching,
you're holding ev'rything.*

Verse 2:

We lift our eyes up to the hills.
When will our help come? God, we cry, “How long?”
We lift our eyes up to the hills.
Even as we run, hope is chasing us.

Refrain

Sermon

“The Law of Love”

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Closing Song

When We Walk with the Lord

#570 ^{VT}

Verse 1:

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.*

Verse 2:

Ev'ry burden we bear, ev'ry sorrow we share,
all our toil he doth richly repay.
Even grief, pain, and loss as we carry a cross
will be blessed as we trust and obey.

Refrain

Verse 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

Verse 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

He Looked Beyond My Fault

Dottie Rambo

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VIRLINA DISTRICT PRAYER: Pray for the campers, volunteers and summer staff at Camp Bethel. Let us pray for those who nurture the faith of young believers in the Church of the Brethren and beyond.



Please keep the family and friends of long-time member, **Betty Ziegler**, in your thoughts and prayers. Betty passed away early Friday, May 17, just a week shy of her 96th birthday. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held here May 25 and can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/live/hrS1-4OqY_8.