



Be perfect,

as your heavenly
Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:48, ESV



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“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies... are new every morning” (Lamentations 3:22-23, NRSV)
Let us worship our ever-faithful God. Welcome!

Prelude

Alleluia

arr. Adrienne Potter

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

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One: Don't you understand that you yourself are each a temple of God, for within you God's Spirit chooses to live?

Many: **O God, turn my eyes from focusing on vanities, give me a life that is set in your ways.**

One: You are to be generous like your Father in heaven, who gives the sun to rise on both rogues and the righteous, and sends refreshing rain on both the just and the unjust.

Many: **O God, teach me the heart of your statutes, and I will then follow it to the very end.**

* Opening Prayer

Book of Common Prayer

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth: deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- **Opening Song** *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord* #131 ^{VT}

Verse 1:

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Verse 2:

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Verse 3:

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Children's Time

- * **Song** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #628 ^{VT}

Verse 1:

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Verse 2:

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer!

Verse 3:

Are we weak and heavy laden, 'cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Jesus' arms will take and shield thee—thou wilt find a solace there.

Congregational Prayer

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Offertory Thoughts

2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Offertory

Thy Loving Kindness

Hugh Mitchell

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Offertory Prayer

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LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

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Goodness of God

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Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:38-48 NRSVUE

Concerning Retaliation

³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹ But I say to you: Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also, ⁴⁰ and if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, give your coat as well, ⁴¹ and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴² Give to the one who asks of you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

Love for Enemies

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

* Song

Way Maker

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Sermon

“Letting Someone ‘Get Even Better’”

GO IN GOD’S NAME

* Song

Be Thou My Vision

#549^{VT}

Verse 1:

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Verse 2:

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Verse 3:

Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight.
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,

thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r.
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Verse 4:

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Verse 5:

True Light of heaven, when vict'ry is won
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Sunshine in My Soul

arr. David Smither

** Please stand as able and led*



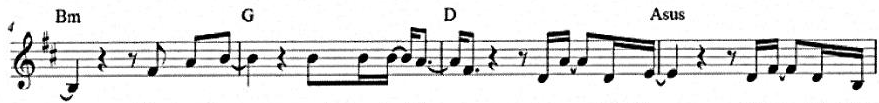
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Minister of Music.....	Vanessa Morton
Worship Leader.....	Barbara Beers
Children's Time.....	Sarah Hartman
Special Music.....	Vanessa Morton
Flautist	Sarah Hartman
Guitarist	David Whitten
Media & Tech Dir.....	Kevin Beers

Way Maker

VERSE 1



1. You are here, mov - ing in our midst; I wor - ship You, I wor - ship You.



You are here, work - ing in this place; I wor - ship You, I wor - ship You.



1. You are here, You are Way Mak - er, Mir - a - cle Work - er,



Prom - ise Keep - er, Light in the dark - ness, my God, that is who You are. You are

VERSE 2 & 3



are. 2. You are here, touch - ing ev - 'ry heart; I wor - ship You, I wor - ship

(3. You are here.) turn - ing lives a - round; I wor - ship You, I wor - ship



You. You are here, heal - ing ev - 'ry heart; I wor - ship You, I wor - ship You.

You. You are here, mend - ing ev - 'ry heart; I wor - ship You,



3. You are here, yeah, I wor - ship You, Lord. You are

CHORUS



Way Mak - er, Mir - a - cle Work - er, Prom - ise Keep - er, Light in the dark - ness,



my God, that is who You are. You are. That is who You are. That is who You

31 $D/F\sharp$ A $\overbrace{Bm}^{1, 3}$ $\overbrace{Bm}^{2, 4}$

arc. That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

G **CHORUS** D

Way Mak - er, Mir - a - cle Work - er, Prom - ise Keep - er, Light in the dark - ness,

37 Asus $\overbrace{Bm}^{1, 3}$ \overbrace{Bm}^{2}

4th time to Coda Θ

my God, that is who You are. You are are.

G **BRIDGE** D

E - ven when I don't see it, You're work - ing. E - ven when I don't feel it, You're work - ing.

42 Asus $\overbrace{Bm}^{1, 2, 3}$

You nev - er stop, You nev - er stop work - ing. You nev - er stop, You nev - er stop work - ing.

44 \overbrace{Bm}^4 *D.S. al Coda*

You nev - er stop, You nev - er stop work - ing.

\overbrace{Bm}^{Θ} **INSTRUMENTAL** G2 D A(4)

45 *Coda*

arc.

$\overbrace{Bm7}^1$ $\overbrace{Bm7}^2$ **TAG 1b** G2 $D/F\sharp$

That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You

53 A(4) $\overbrace{Bm7}^1$ $\overbrace{Bm7}^2$ G2

arc. That is who You are. That is who You are.