

Fourth
Sunday
Praise
Service





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Welcome

Opening Songs

Bless the Lord

Andraé Crouch

Bless His Holy Name by Andraé Crouch

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Refrain:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is with-in me,
bless His holy name!*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is with-in me,
bless His holy name!*

Verse:

He has done great things, He has done great things,
He has done great things, bless His holy name!

Alpha And Omega

Enasmus Mutanbira

Alpha And Omega by Erasmus Mutanbira

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You are Alpha and Omega, we worship You, our Lord;
You are worthy to be praised.

You are Alpha and Omega, we worship You, our Lord;
You are worthy to be praised.

We give You all the glory, we worship You, our Lord;
You are worthy to be praised.

We give You all the glory, we worship You, our Lord;
You are worthy to be praised.

We give You all the glory, we worship You, our Lord;
You are worthy to be praised.

Bless the Lord with Me

Darwin Hobbs

Come on and bless the Lord with me (4x)
Hal-le-lu-jah (4x)

Come on and bless the Lord with me (4x)
Hal-le-lu-jah (4x)

Come on and clap your hands with me (4x)
Hal-le-lu-jah (4x)

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* **Call to Worship** (One/People)

Psalm 31:23-24

Love the Lord, all his faithful people! The Lord preserves those
who are true to him but the proud he pays back in full.
Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

* **Opening Prayer**

Richard Rohr

God of all races, nations, and religions, You know that we cannot change others, Nor can we change the past. But we can change ourselves. We can join You in changing our only And common future where you 'reign' The same over all. Help us not to say, "Lord, Lord" to any tribal gods, But to hear the One God of all the earth, And to do God's good thing for this One World. Amen.

* **Song**

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

#801 ^{VT}

Verse 1:

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table. (REPEAT)
some of these days. Hallelujah!
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table. (REPEAT)
some of these days.

Verse 2:

God's gonna set this world on fire. (REPEAT)
some of these days. Hallelujah!

God's gonna set this world on fire. (REPEAT)
some of these days.

Verse 3:

I'm gonna walk and talk with Jesus. (REPEAT)
some of these days. Hallelujah!

I'm gonna walk and talk with Jesus. (REPEAT)
some of these days.

Verse 4:

I'm gonna drink at the crystal fountain. (REPEAT)
some of these days. Hallelujah!

I'm gonna drink at the crystal fountain. (REPEAT)
some of these days.

Verse 5:

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table.

God's gonna set this world on fire.
some of these days. Hallelujah!

I'm gonna walk and talk with Jesus.

I'm gonna drink at the crystal fountain.
some of these days.

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Children's Time

New Testament Reading

Matthew 7:15-20 CEB

Fruit and Tree

¹⁵ "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you dressed like sheep, but inside they are vicious wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruit. Do people get bunches of grapes from thorny weeds, or do they get figs from thistles? ¹⁷ In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, and every rotten tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree can't produce bad fruit. And a rotten tree can't produce good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that doesn't

produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire.

²⁰Therefore, you will know them by their fruit.

Song

There Is More Love Somewhere

#804 ^{VT}

Verse 1:

There is more love somewhere. There is more love somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more love somewhere.

Verse 2:

There is more hope somewhere. There is more hope somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more hope somewhere.

Verse 3:

There is more peace somewhere. There is more peace somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more peace somewhere.

Verse 4:

There is more joy somewhere. There is more joy somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more joy somewhere.

Pastoral Prayer

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Stewardship Moment

Norm Braksick

"[T]he kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all he had and bought it." - Matthew 13:45-46, NRSVUE

In a modern illustration of this parable, a woman finds a valuable pearl in an obscure shop. The merchant says he will give it to the woman in exchange for everything she has. Wanting badly to own the pearl, she writes a check for several thousand dollars, emptying her savings and checking accounts. The merchant asks, "What about your house?" The woman signs over the deed. "What about your two cars?" She signs them both over to him. "What about your boat and your vacation home? Your

stocks and bonds, retirement funds, and life insurance?” The woman transfers all of these to the merchant.

Then the merchant says, “Now the pearl is yours.” The woman is delighted! She turns to leave, but the merchant stops her, saying, “Here is all that you have given me to purchase the pearl; I am giving all these things to you. They still belong to me, but I will let you have full use of them for as long as you live. The only thing I ask is, whenever possible, share my houses, my cars, and my other wealth with those I send your way.”

The woman is overcome with joy. “Of course, thank you!”

“Remember,” says the merchant, “you may use these things as if they are your own, but on occasion, I will ask you to share them or even give them away to others.”

Many of us are still learning how God can multiply our resources when we understand the relationship between our gifts, the gifts we receive, and the ultimate Giver. **This week, allow God to show you that God will be found faithful as we increase our faithfulness and generosity.**

Prayer for Giving

#1018^{VT}

Creator Spirit, you clothe the flowers of the field: enable us to rejoice in all the gifts with which you fill us, and may that be enough for us. Amen.

Special Music

God On the Mountain

Tracy G. Dartt

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LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 7: 21-23 CEB

Entrance requirements

²¹ “Not everybody who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will get into the kingdom of heaven. Only those who do the will of my Father who

is in heaven will enter. ²² On the Judgment Day, many people will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in your name and expel demons in your name and do lots of miracles in your name?’ ²³ Then I’ll tell them, ‘I’ve never known you. Get away from me, you people who do wrong.’

Sermon

“By the Manner of Our Living”

GO IN GOD’S NAME

* **Song**

*What a Fellowship /
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

160 ^{VT}

Verse 1:

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

*Leaning (on Jesus), leaning (on Jesus),
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning (on Jesus), leaning (on Jesus),
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Verse 2:

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Verse 3:

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

* **Benediction**

And now may the courage of the early morning’s dawning, and the strength of the eternal hills at noontime, and the peace of the open spaces at evening’s ending, and the love of God, abide in your hearts now and always.

Choral Postlude

You Shall Go Out with Joy

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You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.

The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.

There’ll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands.

The trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy.

** Please stand as able and led*



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