

Fourth
Sunday
Praise
Service





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Welcome

Opening Prayer

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Life-giving God, may your Holy Spirit inspire our praise and our prayers. Open our hearts and minds to your presence among us and within us. Come alive in our words and actions as we lead in worship. To you alone belongs all praise and honor and glory and blessing, now and to the end of time. Amen.

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Giving Praise

Thank you, Lord

African American Spiritual

Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord,
I just want to thank You, Lord.

Been so good, been so good, been so good,
I just want to thank You, Lord.

Flow to You

#132^{VT}

Flow to You by Lynn DeShazo

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Verse: Flow to you, flow to you,
let the river of my worship flow to you.
Lord, I pray, in all I do,
let the river of my worship flow to you.
Like streams in the valley swell with the rain,

may the songs of my heart rise to bless your name
and flow to you, flow to you;
let my worship flow to you.
Flow to you, flow to you,
let the river of my worship flow to you.
Lord, I pray, in all I do,
let the river of my worship flow to you.
Like streams in the valley swell with the rain,
may the songs of my heart rise to bless your name
and flow to you, flow to you;
let my worship flow to you.

Bridge: I love you, Lord, and ev'rything about you.

I worship you with all my heart.
Let all my heart flow to you,

Verse

You Are Good

#33^{VT}

You Are Good by Israel Houghton
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Verse: Lord, you are good, and your mercy endureth forever;
Lord, you are good, and your mercy endureth forever.
People from every nation and tongue,
from generation to generation,

*Refrain: we worship you, hallelujah, hallelujah;
we worship you for who you are.*

*We worship you, hallelujah, hallelujah;
we worship you for who you are:*

for you are good. Repeat verse & refrain

Bridge: You are good all the time; all the time you are good;
you are good all the time; all the time you are good.

Refrain

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Song

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

#365^{VT}

Lord I Lift Your Name On High by Rick Founds
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Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

*You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.*

Congregational Prayer

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Offertory Thought

#1019^{VT}

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with good gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. We receive these gifts in gratitude and offer them to the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Special Music

*I Believe/
You'll Never Walk Alone*

Drake, Stillman, Graham & Shirl
Rodgers & Hammerstein

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30. 41-43

5 Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram had always been a friend to David. ² Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, ³ "You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him,

until he put them under the soles of his feet. ⁴ But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. ⁵ So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, ‘Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.’

²⁷ “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸ Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today, ²⁹ that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰ Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; hear and forgive.

⁴¹ “Likewise when foreigners, who are not of your people Israel, come from a distant land because of your name ⁴²—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when foreigners come and pray toward this house, ⁴³ then hear in heaven your dwelling place and do whatever the foreigners ask of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Song

Lead Me, Guide Me

#601 ^{VT}

Lead Me, Guide Me by Doris Akers

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*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.*

I: 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

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

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

Sermon

“A Place of Encounter”

GO IN GOD’S NAME

* Song

We Are One in the Spirit

#387^{VT}

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love by Peter Scholtes

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1: We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

2: We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Refrain

3: We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
we will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

Refrain

* **Benediction**

Sing Out

This Little Light of Mine

#762^{VT}

- 1: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
- 2: Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
- 3: Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine!
 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine!
 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine!
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
- 4: Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine!
 Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine!
 Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine!
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

** Please stand as able and led*



Our thanks to all who have helped to prepare and lead this morning's worship service, including:

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