

# Our Worship of God

March 22, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

## *FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT*

Chiming

Welcome and Life of the Church

Matt Vandagriff

Preparation for Worship

Holy and loving God, as we worship you today,  
we long for your Spirit to both comfort us and encourage us  
in these times of uncertainty and distress;  
we need for your Spirit to both challenge us and empower us,  
to help us to not be afraid, to help us to be at peace,  
and to help us to be peacemakers who are more loving.  
We draw near to you, O Lord, who is rich in grace;  
We humbly approach you, faithful God, who is full of mercy.  
In these unsettled times as your Church in this world that you love,  
we pray for perfect peace, deeper faith, renewed hope, and selfless love. **Amen.**

Prelude

***Like a River Glorious***  
arr. David Hamilton

Jody Clegg

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,  
Over all victorious in its bright increase:  
perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day,  
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.  
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,  
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening of the Bible

+Call to Worship

Pastoral Staff

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God;  
God is the faithful, keeping his covenant of love  
to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

The whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices...  
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"  
"I tell you the truth, Jesus replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.  
From now on all generations will call me blessed,  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me.

God's mercy extends to those who fear God, from generation to generation.  
God has performed mighty deeds with his arm.  
God has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.  
God has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever.

+Hymn 60

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

***(Refrain)***

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ***(Refrain)***

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! ***(Refrain)***

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Kyle Damron

+Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Children's Sermon

***God Be in My Mouth and in My Speaking  
Proverbs 31:8-9***

Donna Watts

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,  
for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly;  
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Solo

***Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated***

arr. Mark Hayes

Kyle Damron

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.  
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Taylor Mason

Psalm Reading

***Psalm 23***

+Hymn 636

***If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*** WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

If you will trust in God to guide you and place your confidence in him,  
you'll find him always there beside you, to give you hope and strength within.  
For those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping, in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in his care and keeping, in sorrow will he love you less?  
For he who took for you a cross will bring you safe through every loss.

In patient trust await his leisure, in cheerful hope, with heart content  
to take whate'er your Father's pleasure and all discerning love have sent.  
Doubt not your inmost wants are known to him who chose you for his own.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully,  
and trust his word; though undeserving, you'll find his promise true to be.  
God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.

+ Gospel Reading

***Mark 12:28-34***

Donna Watts

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Matt Vandagriff

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love: my words are vain; as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

+Benediction

Matt Vandagriff

Postlude

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*  
arr. William Best

Julia Matthews



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