

WORSHIP SERVICE

January 17, 2021

9 & 10:45am



Amplification devices are available from ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Cole Lescher **Themes and Keywords:** rest, weary, presence, shepherd

PRELUDE

Still, Still With Thee Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Sandy Weltman, Harmonica F. Mendelssohn/Forrest J.S. Bach

STANDING (IF ABLE)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 106:1; 34:3, 8, 10; 116:13

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Taste and see that the LORD is good.

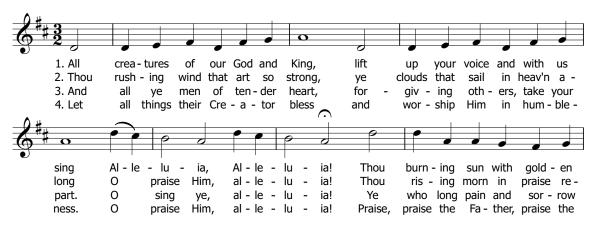
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

Come, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together, for those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

WE PRAISE GOD

All Creatures of Our God and King

Text: St. Francis of Assisi, 1225; para. William H. Draper Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN; Geistliche Kirkengesänge, 1623





WE PRAY FOR GOD TO HELP US WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

He died for us that we might live for him.

SEATED

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS OUR SIN

from John 10:14-15; Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Lord Jesus, you have come to us in love as the bread of heaven to give life to the world and to satisfy our deepest hunger.

But we often look away from you, seeking life from other sources, as if we need neither your presence or provision.

We try to feed our souls instead with pleasures that pass away and possessions that cannot satisfy.

You made us to rest freely from our work with hearts of contentment.

But our hearts are restless and weary when we do not rest in you. We are prone to look to ourselves rather than looking to you, and our lives are full of work that is frantic and anxoius because we do not receive rest from you.

(silent prayers of confession)

Bread of Life, help us look to you in our weariness for you are good and those who seek you will lack no good thing. Open our eyes to realize your powerful provision. Open our hearts to rest in your steadfast love. Open our hands to receive your generous gifts with gratitude, that we might be set free to serve and to rest with all boldness, peace, and joy.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

GOD DECLARES OUR FORGIVENESS

from Romans 8:31-32; 2 Peter 1:3

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? God's divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

Hallelujah, Amen!

WE PRAISE GOD

Children ages 3 - 1st grade are invited to Children's Church during the song and will return during the offering.



³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and go there ahead of them. ³⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. 35 And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. 36 Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." 37 But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" 38 And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." 39 Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³ And they took up twelves baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish, 44 And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

GOD INSTRUCTS US IN PREACHING

"Jesus, Our Rest" Taylor Bruce

Sermon Notes:

WE OFFER OURSELVES IN GIFTS AND SONG

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

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STANDING (IF ABLE)

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

(prayers for the church and the world)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

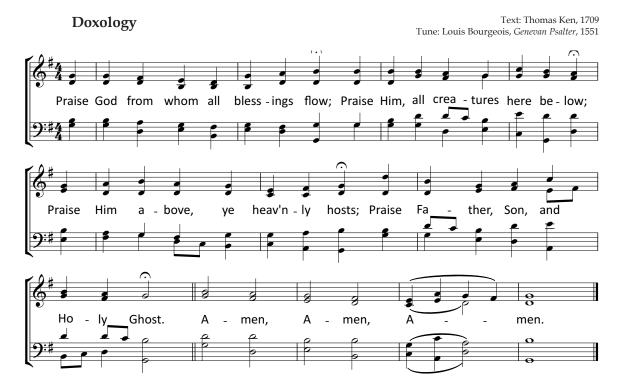
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

And all God's people said... **Hallelujah! Amen.**



Postlude

Prelude in a Classical Style

G. Young

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