

Greeting

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Margo Allerton

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts "A Festive Intrada"

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Canterbury Bells

*Call to Worship

L: Climb the mountain of God.

P: We will watch and wait.

L: Wait for God's glory to shine like the sun.

P: Wait for Christ to reveal the heart of God.

L: Wait to gain courage for the terror of the night.

P: Wait for the Spirit to dispel the darkness.

L: Climb the mountain of God.

P: We will watch for things worth waiting for.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Mighty God, from a cloud you spoke words of blessing to Moses, and from a cloud you spoke words of blessing for your beloved son, Jesus. Speak your blessing to us this day as we gather to praise you. Lift us up and fill us with your blessing, so your presence might pour forth through us to encourage our weary and dis-spirited world. Amen!

*Hymn of Praise

"Immortal, Invisible God, Only Wise"

UMH 103

Words by Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; Music: Welsh Melody from John Roberts's Canaidau y Cyssegr, 1839 ~ Public Domain

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhaunting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

A Season of Prayer

Invitation to Prayer

2 Chronicles 7:14

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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

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

Anthem

“On My Knees”

Chancel Choir

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Scripture Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

Special Music

“Gymnopédie No. 1”

Ellen White

From Trois Gymnopédies by Erik Satie arranged by Michèle Sharik

Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

L: Word of God, word of life!

P: Thanks be to God!

Song of Preparation

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

UMH 349

By Helen H. Lemmel ©1922, renewed 1950 Singspiration Music CCLI #1365061

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace**

Message

“Clouds of Presence, Clouds of Obscurity”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Canterbury Bells

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*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him all creatures here below!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

God of grace and mercy, we thank you for all the gifts offered this morning; gifts placed in the offering trays, gifts offered in silent prayer, gifts of intention and support which will be made tangible in the coming week.

Thank you most of all for Jesus, and the glory which shone in him as you once more claimed him “my son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Help us please you with all we offer you this day.

As Jesus’ followers, we pray, Amen!

*Song of Response “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”
Words by John Newton, 1779; Music: Croatian folk song; arr. by Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797 ~ Public Domain

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**Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for his own abode.**

**On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.**

**Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.**

**Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,**

showing that the Lord is near!

**Thus deriving from our banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe we feed upon the manna
which God gives us when we pray.**

**Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in our Redeemer's blood;
Jesus, whom our souls rely on,
makes us monarchs, priests to God.**

**Us, by his great love, he raises,
rulers over self to reign,
and as priests his solemn praises
we for thankful offering bring.**

*Blessing

***Music for Going Forth**

"L-O-V-E-"

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