



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

May 27, 2018



Prelude

"Andante Tranquillo"

by Felix Mendelssohn

Gathering as the Children of God

Brad Hahn

One: Great is the Lord!

All: God's greatness is beyond our understanding.

One: Yet God has revealed God's self in Jesus Christ.

All: Through Jesus we have come to know the absolute love of God.

One: Lift up your hearts and praise the Lord!

All: May God continue to bless God's people with peace. Amen.

† Hymn No. 139 (hymnal)

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Brad Hahn

O God, we confess to you that we are a people of unclean lips: we have complained aloud; we have spoken harshly to others; we have used sarcasm. Forgive us, merciful God. We know that our lips reflect our hearts. O God, we ask that you create us to be people of grateful hearts: let us rejoice aloud; let us speak kindly to others; let us use patience. Thank you merciful God for your patience; for your kindness; for your joy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Brad Hahn

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.



Prayer for Illumination

TJ Shirley

† Scripture Lesson (p. 477 OT)

Psalm 29

TJ Shirley

All Sing: Our God, is an awesome God, He reigns, from heaven above, with wisdom, power and love, our God is an Awesome God. ("Awesome God" by Rich Mullins © 1988)

One: Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones,

All: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

One: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

All: worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

All Sing: Our God, is an awesome God...

One: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,

All: the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

One: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

All: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

One: The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

All: The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;

All Sing: Our God, is an awesome God...

One: The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.

All: And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

One: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

All: the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

One: The LORD gives strength to his people;

All: the LORD blesses his people with peace.

All Sing: Our God, is an awesome God...

Scripture Lesson (p. 597 OT)

Isaiah 6:1-8

Rev. Susan Haynes

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Divine Palindrome

Rev. Haynes

† **Affirmation of Faith**

From the Westminster Confession of Faith

All those that are justified, God mercifully grants, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption: by which they are taken into the number, and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God; have his name put upon them; receive the Spirit of adoption; have access to the throne of grace with boldness; are enabled to cry, Abba, Father; are pitied, protected, provided for, and chastened by him as by a father; yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption, and inherit the promises, as heirs of everlasting salvation.



† **Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Haynes

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

† "God Be Merciful to Me"

by Richard Redhead

1. God be merciful to me, On Thy grace I rest my plea

Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now

Wash me make me pure within, Cleanse, Oh cleanse me from my sin

2. *My transgression I confess, Grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against Thy grace, And provoked Thee to Thy face
I confess Thy judgment just, Speechless I Thy mercy trust*

3. *Gracious God my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true
Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy spirit dwell in me
Let salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart*

4. *Sinners then shall learn from me, and return oh God to Thee
Savior all my guilt removed, and my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips oh Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord*

Church Family Life

Rev. Haynes

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Moved by the Spirit

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Irene Wong

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Small



Offering

Elizabeth Small

Offertory

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Featuring Bob Martin - Accordion

† Response

The Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Elizabeth Small

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.

† Closing Hymn No. 536 (hymnal)

"Lord, Make Us More Holy"

† Benediction

Rev. Haynes

† Postlude

"Sinner's Prayer"

by Ray Charles

† Those who are able, please stand



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- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.



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