



# Order of Worship

January 31, 2021

10:00 a.m. Service

***During this time of social distancing, we ask that all singing and responsive reading be done from behind a mask.  
Thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and others safe during the pandemic.***

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## Prelude

## Introit

*Sing to the Lord!*

*Folts*

## Call to Worship

### \*Hymn #464

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Most holy God, you call us to be a royal priesthood and a chosen people: we confess to you our failure. We do not worship you with all our hearts. Save us from fear that diminishes the human spirit, and from doubt that erodes the household of faith. Forgive our sin and lead us in your righteousness. In Christ's name we pray.**

### \*Silent Prayer of Confession

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*Congregational Response

*Gloria Patri*

### Welcome and Announcements

### Minute for Mission

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

#### Offertory

#### \*Hymn #592

*The Doxology*

#### \*Prayer of Commitment and the Lord's Prayer

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.

#### \*Choral Response

#### Anthem

*Come, Christians Join to Sing*

*Raney*

#### Scripture Reading

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

<sup>17</sup> Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Children's Time

#### \*Hymn #288

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

1. I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eyes;  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies!
3. There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,  
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

<sup>1</sup> Now there arose a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brothers. <sup>2</sup> For there were those who said, "With our sons and our daughters, we are many. So let us get grain, that we may eat and keep alive." <sup>3</sup> There were also those who said, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses to get grain because of the famine." <sup>4</sup> And there were those who said, "We have borrowed money for the king's tax on our fields and our vineyards. <sup>5</sup> Now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children are as their children. Yet we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but it is not in our power to help it, for other men have our fields and our vineyards."

<sup>6</sup> I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these words. <sup>7</sup> I took counsel with myself, and I brought charges against the nobles and the officials. I said to them, "You are exacting interest, each from his brother." And I held a great assembly against them <sup>8</sup> and said to them, "We, as far as we are able, have bought back our Jewish brothers who have been sold to the nations, but you even sell your brothers that they may be sold to us!" They were silent and could not find a word to say. <sup>9</sup> So I said, "The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our God to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies? <sup>10</sup> Moreover, I and my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us abandon this exacting of interest. <sup>11</sup> Return to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and the percentage of money, grain, wine, and oil that you have been exacting from them." <sup>12</sup> Then they said, "We will restore these and require nothing from them. We will do as you say." And I called the priests and made them swear to do as they had promised. <sup>13</sup> I also shook out the fold of my garment and said, "So may God shake out every man from his house and from his labor who does not keep this promise. So may he be shaken out and emptied." And all the assembly said "Amen" and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

Sermon

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**Lessons from Nehemiah:  
Recommit and Release**

*"So I said, 'The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our God to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies?'" (Nehemiah 5:9)*

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn #478

**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise Him for His grace and favor to His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.
3. Fatherlike He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore Him: Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Response

**You Are Mine**

I will come to you in the silence. I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice.  
Be still, and know I am near.

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow Me, I will bring you home.  
I love you and you are mine.

## **\*Postlude**

\*Please stand if able.

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