

# WE GATHER

Prelude – *Andante Sostenuto* from Sonata VI  
Felix Mendelssohn, composer

Welcome

Musical Call to Worship

## \*Call to Worship – Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.**

“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.”

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

## \*Hymn 103 – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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, unchanging, 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.

Though reinest 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.



Word of the Day:  
Hope

Memory Verse:  
Nothing can  
separate us  
from the love  
of God.  
- Romans 8:38-39

No matter how  
dark, or sad, or  
scary things  
can get, the light  
of God's love will  
always shine bright.  
God loves you.  
There is always  
hope.

# \* Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,



who works in us and others by the Spirit.



God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

We trust in God. We are called to be the church.

In life beyond death

Amen.

To celebrate God's presence.

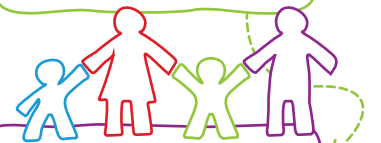
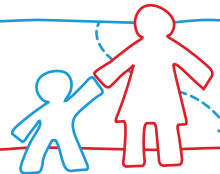
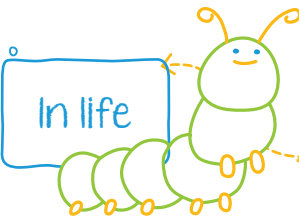
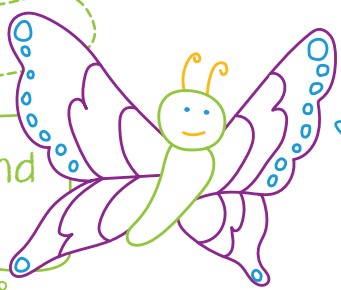
In death

To love and serve others.

In life

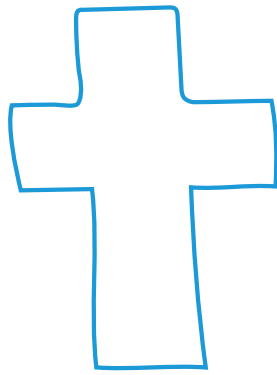
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

To seek justice and resist evil.



## \*Gloria Patri ←

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;



Gloria Patri means "Glory to the Father." This short hymn of praise has been sung by Christians for many centuries.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.

*Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.*

## Sacrament of Baptism ←

Margaret Lee Hopkins, daughter of Katherine and Travis Hopkins  
Geren Bradford Pate, son of Lindsay and Preston Pate

Baptismal Hymn 191 (vs. 1) — Jesus Loves Me

## Congregational Response

With God's help,  
We will so order our lives after the example of Christ,  
That **Margaret Lee** and **Geren Bradford**,  
Surrounded by steadfast love,  
May be established in the faith,  
And confirmed and strengthened in the way  
That leads to life eternal.

Baptism:  
When someone is baptized, it's a chance for all of us to celebrate how much God loves that person. God loves each one of us, not because of anything we do, but simply because we are God's children.

## Faith Like a Child

## A Time of Giving

Offertory - Steal Away  
HARRY T. BURLEIGH, ARRANGER

In addition to your regular contribution, every one dollar (\$1) bill placed in the offering plate during the month of October will support the Mission Clothing Bank.

# Time of Reflection

Write a  
"Thank you" note  
to God

Be Mindful. What is  
something deep inside  
you that God wants  
the world to know?



## Silence

### This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, shine, shine  
Let it shine!

### Time of Reflection



Listen. What is  
something you hear  
that gives you a  
sense of wonder?  
Of peace? Of hope?



Special Music - Good, Good Father  
David Angerman, arranger

Responsive Reading - Romans 8

The Lord's Prayer

Find the Prayer Cross in your worship kit. The cord has five knots, and there are five parts to the prayer Jesus taught his friends. Hold each knot between your thumb and forefinger as you say the different parts of the 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.

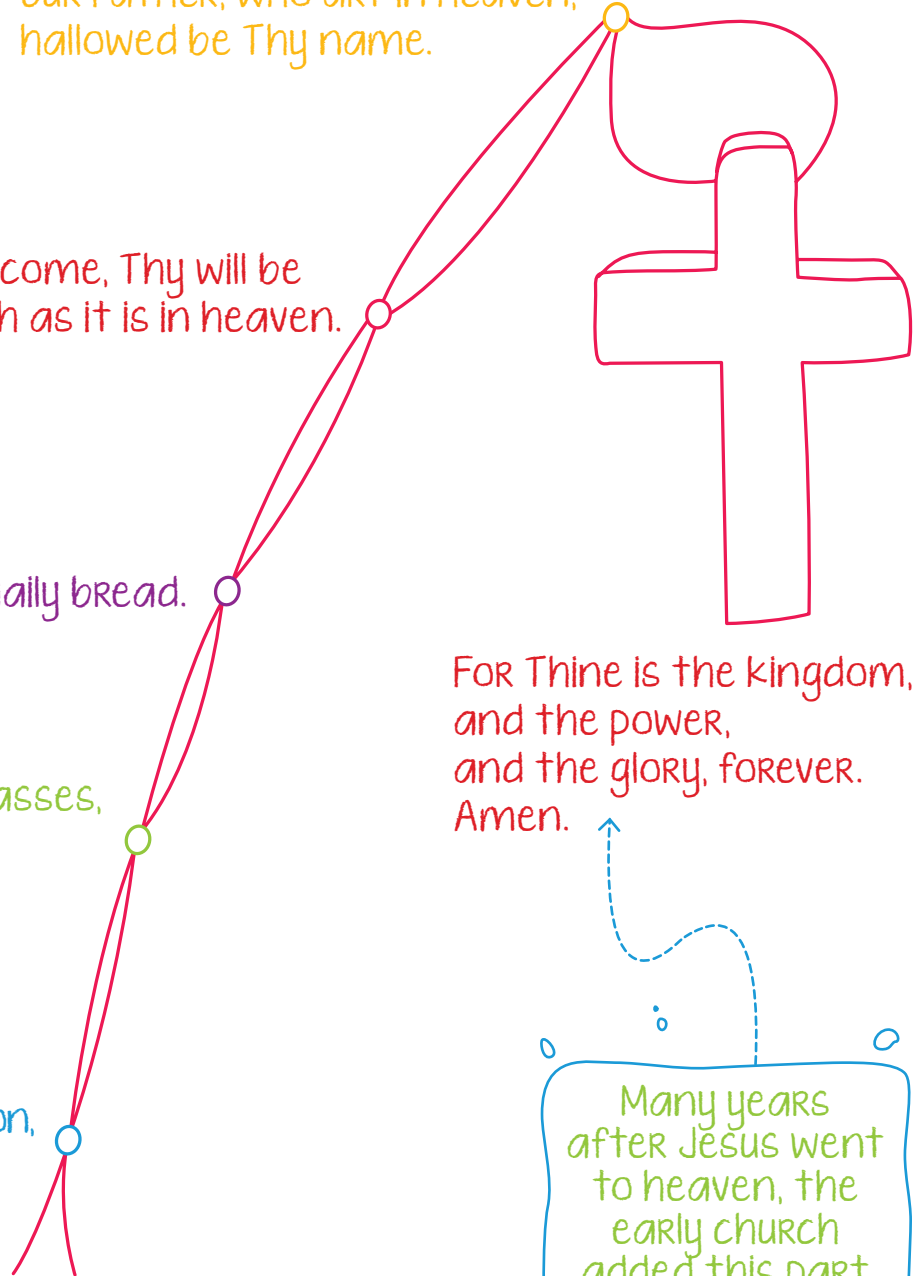
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our 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.

Many years after Jesus went to heaven, the early church added this part of the prayer. Hold the prayer cross close to your heart as you say this part.



## Special Music - Sing Me to Heaven

Daniel Gawthrop, composer

### \*Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what will we do?

**We will go out to be God's people in the world.**

May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

How are you going to be one of God's people in the world this week?

### \*Congregational Closing Song – Let There Be Peace On Earth

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

**Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.**

**With God our Creator, children all are we.**

**Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,**

**With every breath I take let this be my solemn vow:**

**To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.**

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

### \*Postlude – Toccata from Sonata VI

Felix Mendelssohn, arranger

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are given in loving memory of Stan Mancil by Jean Mancil.

**The white carnation** symbolizes our sympathy to the family and friends of Jerry Jirik and Lou Friese.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

#### **Worship Leaders:**

Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor

Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music & Worship Arts

Mrs. Janet Pummill, Guest Organist

**Liturgists:** Rev. Linda McDermott, Rev. Phyllis Barren,

Ms. Allison McMahan

**Faith Like a Child:** Rev. Nancy Froman; Caitie James, helper

**Choir:** Cornerstone Youth Choir; Mrs. Erin Ypya, director; Mr. Dawen Li, accompanist; Adoramus Choral Ensemble

**Solo:** Max Grim, baritone

**Procession:** Emma Weir

# WORSHIP KIT

↪ INSIDE YOU WILL FIND ↪

## TREASURES OF NATURE BOX

One of the best ways we can experience God's power and love is by cherishing God's handiwork in the wonders of nature. Carefully open the box and discover what treasures wait inside.

## BLANK CARD

You can use the pencil and crayons to make a *Thank You* note for someone in the Sanctuary who helped make worship feel special to you. It could be a parent, a minister, a choir member, an usher, or someone in the next pew who gave you a friendly wave. After the service, ask your parents to take you to hand-deliver the card.

## ANOINTING BALM

Use the anointing balm to bless a friend or family member sitting next to you. Rub a tiny bit of the balm on your thumb and trace the sign of the cross on your neighbor's forehead or back of the hand (whichever they prefer). As you do this, say a simple blessing, such as "God bless you." (It's not just for sneezes.) Or, for a longer blessing, you could say:

*You are a special person.  
God loves you, and so do I.  
Bless you.*

And don't forget to allow your neighbor the privilege of getting to bless you.

## PIPE STEMS

There are so many things you can do with pipe stems. You could:

- Listen to the sermon and sculpt an object you hear mentioned.
- Shape them in the initials of someone you'd like to pray for.
- Look around the Sanctuary and sculpt something you see.
- Sculpt a flower and give it to a family member.
- Make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend, or to a new member.

## PRAYER CROSS

The cross is such a powerful symbol of God's love and hope. Anytime is a good time to hold on to the cross. See inside the bulletin for how to use the prayer cross during the Lord's Prayer.

## TANGLE

Listen to a piece of music or a Bible story and mold the tangle to show how it makes you feel.

Does it make you feel:

- Open and ready for God's presence?
- Tangled and confused?
- Wrapped snugly and securely?
- Calm like a gentle stream?
- Not sure?

## PENCIL AND CRAYONS

Use these to write notes in your bulletin, draw a prayer, illustrate a story you hear in the sermon, or even ask hard questions.

## CLOTH FIGURE

Here are just a few things you can do with the cloth figure:

- Have it act out the events in the Bible story.
- Help it read the bulletin.
- Gently hold it the way God is holding you right now.

## EYE SPY CARD AND TELESCOPE

Use the Eye Spy card to identify some of the many meaningful objects and symbols in our Sanctuary. Use the telescope to help you explore.

