

WELCOME

Emma Bushong

CENTERING PRAYER

When the storms of life are raging,
stand by me.
In the midst of tribulation,
stand by me.
When I've done the best I can and my friends misunderstand,
God who knows all about me, stand by me.¹

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Jean Kohler, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

INTROIT

Amazing Day
Music Makers

Rebecca Thompson

*Thank you, God, for this amazing day. Thank you, God, for work and play;
for friends and family, and animals, too, on this amazing day.
Look around us here, see God's Holy Spirit ev'rywhere.
There's happiness, gentleness, love, peace, joy, overflowing for all to see.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

What beauty, what wonder—
we are woven together in the fabric of the cosmos!
Starstuff on our blue marble planet;
one celestial body are we.
Different gifts, different experiences,
the same Holy Love—
awakening our compassion, fortifying our connection,
shining hope through our lives.
Let us explore the mystery of this Holy Love in this place today!
We have come to worship!²

†HYMN NO. 578

God of Love and God of Power

UNSER HERRSCHER

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us.
We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words,
so we stay silent even as your Spirit pulls at our tongues.
We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us,
so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark places of our lives.
We seek refuge in temporary towers, and are numb to the grasp of cruelty.
Forgive us.
Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world**

and accept the completeness of your loving claim on our lives.³

(silent reflection)

†ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news:

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

We know this love through Jesus Christ, and by this love, we know that we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!³

†PASSING THE PEACE

†SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13

Ashlee Headrick

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Will Greatly Rejoice

Allen Pote

Chapel Choir

*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my song shall be full of his praise,
for he loves me, he cares for me, He believes in me and I believe in him.*

I will sing unto God and honor him this day.

*God is my help in time of trouble, He is with me in time of fear;
darkness surrounds me, evil thoughts confound me, yet, I know my God is near.*

*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my song shall be full of his praise,
for he loves me, he cares for me, He believes in me and I believe in him.*

I will sing unto God and honor him this day. Rejoice! Alleluia! Amen!

SERMON

Only Faith, Hope and Love Remain

Paul Purdue

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

John Collett, Matthew Webb; musical setting A, hymnal page 17

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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 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.

BREAKING THE BREAD - SHARING THE CUP

As we celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, everyone is invited.

Offering left at the Communion rail supports the O.N.E. Barnes Scholarship.

Where Charity and Love Prevail
A Loving Heart

Hymn No. 549
Timothy G. Bushong

Sanctuary Choir; Ned Henry, violin

A loving heart is kind and patient. It will not boast or envy be.

It will bear all things without complaint, for it endures, hopes, and believes.

Though I may speak with the sound of angels, and if I give all that I possess, without love I am as a sounding gong.

I have no gain but the gift of love. Love never ends, love is forever.

Though mortal flesh may soon be gone, and the stars fall from the heavens, love never ends; it will live on.

To live in faith is to live in God's pure light, and all who hope will not be denied.

But to love is to touch the face of God and taste of heaven here in this life.

Faith and hope and love abide, these three, and still the best of all is love.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God,

we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

†HYMN NO. 630

Become to Us the Living Bread

GELOBT SEI GOTT

†BENEDICTION

Faithful ones,

let us go from here with conviction, with assurance, with hope!

For even when we can't see it and we struggle to feel it,

Love has always been with us,

the Kindom of God is alive within us,

and Justice will one day be our home.

May God be with us, today and always,

as we seek to live what we believe.

Amen.⁴

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Rondo from *Abdelazer*
Robbie Jones, organ

Henry Purcell

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Sanctuary Choir

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Liturgy written/selected by Matthew Webb.

¹from the hymn "Stand By Me," by Charles Albert Tindley, 1905

²by Rev. Molly Bolton from *enfleshed, Liturgy That Matters*, adapted by Matthew Webb

³by Walter Canter for *Presbyterian Outlook Weekly Liturgy*, Feb. 2, 2025

⁴from *enfleshed, Liturgy That Matters*, August 2019

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