
Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Communion in G Major”
Edwin Walker, Organist

Alexandre Guilmant
(1837-1911)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Let us worship and sing praises to God,

for the Lord is gracious and worthy of praise!

God gathers the outcasts and heals the brokenhearted.

God gives the stars their names

and makes grass grow on the hills.

Let us hope in God's steadfast love

and worship God together!

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING | “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Glory to God 645

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.

Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,

as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land
and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason, and become caught in traps of our own making.
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world as agents
of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Ezekiel reminds us that God is the one who heals. Hear the prophet's words:

*I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you;
and I will remove from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.*

Friends, you have been freed and forgiven by God's grace.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI | *Sung*

Glory to God 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Rosy and Pastor David

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not heard? The Lord strengthens those who are weak.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus heals many people; in the morning he steals away to pray.

SERMON

"Therapeutic Practice"

Pastor David Schaefer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING | “Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness”

Glory to God 657

Refrain:

Sing to God, with joy and gladness, hymns and psalms of gratitude;
with the voice of praise discover that to worship God is good.

God unites the scattered people, gathers those who wandered far,
heals the hurt and broken spirits, tending every wound and scar. (Refrain)

Such is God’s great power and wisdom, none can calculate or tell;
keen is God to ground the wicked and with humble folk to dwell. (Refrain)

God with clouds the sky has curtained, thus ensuring rain shall fall;
earth, responding, grows to order food for creatures great and small. (Refrain)

God’s discernment never favors strength or speed to lift or move;
God delights in those who worship, trusting in God’s steadfast love. (Refrain)

APOSTLES’ CREED | *Unison*

Traditional Version

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“O Rest in the Lord”

From Mendelssohn’s *Elijah*

Jenny James, Soloist | Edwin Walker, Organist

DOXOLOGY | *Sung*

Glory to God 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | *Responsively*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Unison*

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Postlude in F Major”

Edwin Walker, Organist

Alexandre Guilmant

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