



*“Corporate worship is a regular gracious reminder that it's not about you. You've been born into a life that is a celebration of Another.”
– PAUL DAVID TRIPP*

November 17, 2024

WE GATHER IN HIS PRESENCE

Allison Thorp

“I've Got Peace Like a River”

African American Spiritual

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
(repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
(repeat)

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
(repeat)

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Civilla Martin & Charles Gabriel

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heaven and home?
When Jesus is my portion,
My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.

I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free.
For his eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Helen Lemmel

Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.
(x3)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” arr. Brant Adams
Sarah Cifani, flute Diane Combs, piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP**, *responsive*, from Psalm 19
The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

**The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.

**The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.**

They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold.

**God's Word is sweeter than honey,
honey from the honeycomb!**



Ten Cents a Meal – Daily Change Offering

***OPENING HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Skies” #667**

**1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**2. Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**3. Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION
CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *in unison*
Loving and Merciful God, forgive us for thinking we are secure
in your love if we are good enough. We confess we can neither
earn nor deserve our salvation. Help us throw out our worldly
attitudes and values and teach us instead to live as your
disciples and followers, through the power of the
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

:: A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION ::

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**, *from a Brief Statement of Faith*
We trust in God, whom Jesus called **Abba, Father.**

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes
everyone equally in God's image, male and female; of every
race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel
against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's
commandments, we violate the image of God in others and
ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation, Yet God acts with justice
and mercy to redeem creation. Like a mother who will not
forsake her nursing child; like a father who runs to welcome
the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

:: PASSING THE PEACE ::

*And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God,
we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God's command to love
and forgive one another.*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM “Hold On To the Rock” Pepper Choplin
Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 25:1-10 *Lee Hutchison*

SECOND SCRIPTURE Philippians 3:1-14

SERMON “Press On” *Rev. Holly K. Davis*

:: PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ::

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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.*



HYMN OF RESPONSE, seated

"I Need Thee Every Hour" #735 v. 1,2,4

1. I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior – I come to thee!

2. I need thee every hour; stay thou near by;
Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior – I come to thee!

4. I need thee every hour, Most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior – I come to thee!

GOD'S TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "You Raise Me Up" arr. Tom Fettke
Sanctuary Choir Sopranos and Altos

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN "We Are God's People"**

1. We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone,
and strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently,
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
now let us learn how to return
the gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
and live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

3. We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
he wills us be a family,
diverse yet truly one:
let us give our gifts to God,
and so shall his work on earth be done.



4. We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
we die alone, for on its own
each ember loses fire:
yet joined in one the flame burns on
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Shalom to You" Carlton Young**

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

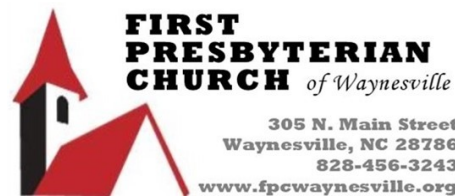
POSTLUDE

"Sing Glory to the Name of God" arr. Douglas Wagner

** Please stand as you are able for these portions of the service.*

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