



"Worship has a great deal to do with the way that life is nourished and sustained."
- HOWARD L. RICE

February 16, 2025

WE GATHER IN HIS PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

Allison Thorp
Kurt Kaiser

"Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

Oh, how he loves you and me.
Oh, how he loves you and me.
He gave his life, what more could he give?
Oh, how he loves you;
Oh, how he loves me;
Oh, how he loves you and me.
(x2)

"He Has Made Me Glad"

Leona Von Brethorst

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart.
I will enter his courts with praise.
I will say, "this is the day the Lord hath made!"
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad,
He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad,
He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.
(x2)

"God Is So Good"

Traditional

God is so good. (x3)
God's so good to me.

God cares for me. (x3)
God's so good to me.

God loves me so. (x3)
God's so good to me.

God is so good. (x3)
God's so good to me.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rick Croskery

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" arr. Joel Raney
Allison Thorp

***CALL TO WORSHIP**, responsive from Psalm 27
The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?
One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Ten-cents-a-meal – Daily Change Offering

***OPENING HYMN "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" #35**

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** *Andrea Croskery, ligurgist*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Loving and Merciful God, we admit we are prone to wander,
prone to leave the God we love. We keep seeking fulfillment
in selfish desires but end up empty and lost. Forgive us, O Lord.
Draw us back to the joy of your loving presence, we pray in 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**, Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1
What is your only comfort in life and in death?
That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not
to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at
the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and
has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;
that he protects me so well that without the will of my
Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed,
that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal
life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from
now on to live for him.

:: 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 "Beloved, Let Us Love One Another"
Sanctuary Choir Pepper Choplin

FIRST SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 *Paul Koptak*
SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 6: 17-26
SERMON "Who Am I?"
Rev. Dennis Hysom

:: PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ::

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
"O For a World" #372 vs 1,2,3 & 5
1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

2. for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken,
children spared, equality achieved.

3. We welcome one world family and struggle
with each choice that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.



5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" arr. Joel Raney

*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.
Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #475

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, now like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.



*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"May the Love of the Lord" #549 Swee Hong Lim
May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

POSTLUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Joel Raney

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

Please welcome Rev. Dennis Hysom to the pulpit this morning! Rev. Hysom grew up outside New Orleans and is a graduate of Louisiana State University and the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Since 1983, he served in the Active, Reserve and National Guard components of the U.S. Army and in 2022 retired as an Army Chaplain. He now serves as the Executive Director of the Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies. He is an avid reader, hiker, vinyl record collector and computer gamer. He and his wife, Lenora, love collecting art and travelling.



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