



““We, Jesus’ followers, are agents assigned to carry out God’s will on earth. Too easily we expect God to do something for us when instead God wants to do it through us.”
— PHILIP YANCEY

July 13, 2025

WE GATHER IN HIS PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC Allison Thorp

“In Christ Alone” Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
(x2)

“Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet” Michael Smith

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,
And I think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
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“Into My Heart” Harry Clark

Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Come in today,
Come in to stay,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
(x3)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Minute for Mission—Black Mountain Children’s Home
Ashley Starnes Development & Community Relations Officer

CHIMING THE TRINITY
PRELUDE “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”
Diane Combs arr. Brenda Portman

*CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive from Psalm 36
Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.
How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
For with you is the fountain of life;
overflowing, abundant, and delightful.

*OPENING HYMN “God’s Holy Ways Are Just and True”

1. God’s holy ways are just and true,
his promises are ever new, O praise him, alleluia!
Let every heart with praises sing
and make this house with voices ring:
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Bring back to mind his grace and love,
our needs provided from above: O praise him, alleluia!
He kept his word and Jesus came
to make a people for his name;
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Tell once again his deeds of old,
the story of our mighty God, O praise him, alleluia!
For all his glorious works and ways
we shall rejoice through endless days;
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION
CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, you know us completely. You know our failures.
We forget who we are and where we come from. We forget how
we are supposed to act, and we forget to whom we belong.
Forgive us, O Lord. Purify our motives so that we may joyfully
walk in your will and way. 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, from a Brief Statement of Faith
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all people to
Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church
and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and
to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to
serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful
lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new
earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

:: 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.

ANTHEM “Jehovah is my King” Dana Mengel
Chancel Choir

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-12 Stan Briggs

SECOND SCRIPTURE Micah 6:1-8

SERMON: “God’s Verdict” Rev. Holly K. Davis

:: 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.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’s WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Though I May Speak” #693

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
but have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.



2. Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Prayer” Michael Helman
 Diane Combs

***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**
“O God of Every Nation” #756 vs. 1,3,4

1. O God of every nation, of every race and land.
Redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us and
bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.

3. Lord, strengthen those who labor
that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war’s increase;
when hope and courage falter,
your still small voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

4. Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign
and Christ shall rule victorious
o’er all the world’s domain.

*BENEDICTION



***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
May the God of Hope Go With Us” #765 Alvin Schutmaat
May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace.
Singing, share our joy with all.
Working, for a world that's new.
Faithful, when we hear Christ's call.

***POSTLUDE** “Trumpet Tune” Jason Payne
 Diane Combs

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



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