



Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church

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SILENT REFLECTION

"Aslan is a lion- the Lion, the great Lion." "Ooh" said Susan. "I'd thought he was a man. Is he- quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion"... "Safe?" said Mr. Beaver ... "Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

HYMN SING (Starting at 9:20)

Tricia Murphy

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP ALMIGHTY GOD

PRELUDE

Rêverie

Dorothy Fine
Claude Debussy

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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Lord God, you dwell in a high and lofty place, higher than our highest thoughts.

Holy is your name; beside you there is no other! You are God, and we are not! You alone are the Lord of heaven and earth.

Receive us into your Kingdom—the coming Kingdom of your Son—the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ whose name we bear.

Receive us, for we come to you in his name. We pray in him and with him.

For yours is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 840

VILLE DU HAVRE

When Peace like a River

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – A LAMENT

Why, Lord, does evil seem to get its way? Why is there so much pain, sorrow and hurt in our world? We confess that our sin is deeply shameful; but the wicked are openly scornful—they mock your name and scorn your ways.

(In unison) We know your providential love holds true: nothing can curse us endlessly with sorrow. Transform, dear Lord, this damage we see into good; show us your glory, hidden by this evil. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

WE SEEK GOD'S PARDON AND OFFER PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Steve Sailer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended you with our words, our thoughts, our actions and our attitudes. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare us, restore us, according to your promises declared to the world in Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession and surrender.)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Hear and receive the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God.
Amen!**

*GLORIA PATRI (HYMN NO. 581)

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Glory Be to the Father

*SHARING OUR PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR MISSION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Angels through the Night

Riley Kay
Arr. By Philip Kern

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Habakkuk 3: 1 – 19 (p. 873-874)

SERMON

"The Prayer of Nothing"
Sermon Series: Life in the Minor Key

Stuart Spencer

SONG OF PRAISE NO. 786

Why Stand So Far Away, My God?

MORNING SONG

(The soloist sings verses 1 & 2, the congregation stands to sing verses 3 to 5)

WE OFFER OUR LIVES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

French Suite in G Major, Allemande

Dorothy Fine
J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 606)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Stuart Spencer

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 686

God of Our Life

SANDON

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful...these you deserve, Lord God. For when we were nothing, you made us something. When we had no name and no faith and no future, you called us your children. When we lost our way or turned away, you did not abandon us. When we came back to you, your arms opened wide in welcome. And look, you prepare a table for us that offers not just bread, not just the cup, but your very Self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed, and made new again. You are worth all our pain and all our praise. So now we join our voices to the angels in Heaven, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(Eat the bread as you are served. Hold the cup until all have been served.)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SERVICE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Second Arabesque

Dorothy Fine
Claude Debussy

**Those who are able, please stand.*