



**ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 8, 2021
10:00 AM**

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

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INTROIT

O Rest in the Lord
(Krista Laskowski, mezzo soprano)

Mendelssohn

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him,
And he shall give thee thy hearts desires.
Commit thy way to him, and trust in Him,
And fret not thyself because of evil doers.
O rest in the Lord, and wait, wait patiently for him.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 55:12-13, CEV
Abby Clissold

When you are set free, you will celebrate and travel home in peace.
Mountains and hills will sing as you pass by, and trees will clap.
Cypress and myrtle trees will grow in fields once covered by thorns.
And then those trees will stand as a lasting witness to the glory of the Lord.

*** SONG OF PRAISE**

Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble

M. Smith

Verse 1

Did you feel the mountains tremble,
Did you hear the oceans roar?
When the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ the risen One.

Verse 2

Did you feel the people tremble,
Did you hear the singers roar?
When the lost began to sing of
Jesus Christ the saving One.

Pre-Chorus

And we can see that, God, you're moving,
A mighty river through the nations,
And young and old will turn to Jesus.
Fling wide you heavenly gates!
Prepare the way of the risen Lord.

Chorus

Open up the doors and let the music play!
Let the streets resound with singing.
Songs that bring your hope,
Songs that bring your joy.
Dancers who dance upon injustice.

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Verse 3

Do you feel the darkness tremble,
When all the saints join in one song?
And all the streams flow as one river
To wash away our brokenness.

Pre-Chorus

And here we see that, God, you're moving,
A time of jubilee is coming,
When young and old return to Jesus.
Fling wide, you heavenly gates!
Prepare the way of the risen Lord.

Chorus

Open up the doors and let the music play!
Let the streets resound with singing.
Songs that bring your hope,
Songs that bring your joy.
Dancers who dance upon injustice.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Abby Clissold

Faithful God,
as a new school year begins,
we remember the smell of newly sharpened pencils,
the joy of a smile returned on the playground,
the wonder of learning to read.

We also remember how hard all of that can be:
we don't all learn at the same pace;
friends turn away;
we lose the things we meant to hold onto.

When the way is hard, remind us of life's goodness.
When the way is easy, help us smooth the path for others.
Always, keep us close to your heart.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT - BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Lydia Chapdelain and Molly Horner

LITANY FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

As you travel to school each day,
know that God goes with you.

When you get to your classroom each morning,
remember each person you see
is a child God loves.

When your schoolwork feels like too much,
take deep breaths and let God's peace fill you.

And when it's time to head to the playground,
know the joy of the Lord!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

SERMON

"A Tender-Hearted Life"

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CARRIE MILLS

(See bulletin insert for liturgy)

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 697 (vv. 1-3) *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Hendon

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee;
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my king.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee;
Filled with messages from thee.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Steven Phillips

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *It is Well with My Soul*

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well . . . with my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

*** SONG OF VISION**

By Our Love

Christy Nockels

Verse 1

Brothers, let us come together,
Walking in the Spirit, there's much to be done.
We will come reaching out from our comforts,
And they will know us by our love.

Verse 2

Sisters, we were made for kindness,
We can pierce the darkness as He shines through us.
We will come reaching with a song of healing,
And they will know us by our love.

Chorus

The time is now, come church arise.
Love with His hands, see with His eyes.
Bind it around you, let it never leave you,
And they will know us by our love.

Verse 3

Children, you are hope for justice;
Stand firm in the truth now, set your hearts above.
You will be reaching long after we're gone,
And they will know you by your love. **(Chorus)**

*** BENEDICTION**

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POSTLUDE

Postlude in a Classic Style

Gordon Young

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CCLI Song # 5489329 - Song: By Our Love