

### **CHURCH LIFE UPDATE**

Craig Miller

**PRELUDE** 

Andante Sostenuto from Symphonie Gothique (Nancy Siebecker, organ)

Charles M. Widor 1844-1937

Susan McDonald

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek God's presence continually.

Let us worship God!

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

### Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able are invited to stand.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, in mystery and grace you sustain us, though we do not always realize your care. We confess that sometimes our worries consume our attention, that we put our material needs first, and that we are numb to our spiritual hunger. Jesus has told us that if we seek material things before our spiritual treasure, our priorities are wrong.

O God, forgive us. Set us free from anxiety, and give us a new trust in your ability to care for us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(silent prayer)

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel;

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

# \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 581

Glory Be to the Father

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, amen.

### \* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

# **SOLO**

He Shall Feed His Flock - from Handel's Messiah (Vicki Petrosky, soloist)

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and He shall gather the lambs with his arm, with his arm. (Repeat)

And carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young, and gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto him, all ye that labor, come unto him, ye that are heavy laden, and he will give you rest.

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Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

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## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON One Thing is Necessary Craig Miller

\* HYMN 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare; O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone; O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown! All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies; care, anguish, sorrow melt away wherever thy healing beams arise. O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed Susan McDonald

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 720 Jesus Calls Us GALILEE

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

\*BENEDICTION Craig Miller

**POSTLUDE** 

"Gigue" Fugue in G (Nancy Siebecker, organ) J.S. Bach 1685-1750