



Online Worship Resource (July 25, 2021)
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Prelude: "Prayer" Carl Reinecke
*"The fruit of silence is Prayer. The fruit of prayer is Faith.
The fruit of faith is Love. The fruit of love is Service.
The fruit of service is Peace." —Mother Teresa*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Steve Hoffman, Liturgist
Christ invites us to make our home in him as he makes his home in us.

Let us build our homes on the rock that is Christ Jesus.

Then the storms of life will not bully us.

Hurricanes and floods will not destroy us.

Let the word of God dwell in us richly, in all wisdom.

**As we love our God with all our hearts, souls, and minds,
and love our neighbors as ourselves.**

Opening Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
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:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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

Prayer of Confession

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Let us call upon the name of our God, who loves us with an everlasting love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, there is no distinction between us,

for we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory.

We have not always kept your words in our hearts and minds, nor taught them to our children when we are at home and when we are away.

Forgive us, we pray, and give us the gift of your grace,

that we may be made right through our faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Take heart, God is our rock and our fortress:

The Holy One has stored up an abundance of goodness for those who take refuge in God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Response:

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.

Passing the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Children's Time

Pam Williams

Prayer for Illumination

Saving God, by your Holy Spirit carry to us the meaning of your Word,

a blessing that we treasure in our hearts and souls. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Romans 3: 19-28

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Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is

righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

This is the Word of the Lord. -

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: By Faith Alone? by Rolf Jacobson,
delivered by Andy Clay

Hymnal Response: Christ Be Beside Me

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the
strife.

Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me;
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

Invitation to offering

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Our loving God gives us guidance, faith and grace to choose the ways of life
that bring us blessing and peace. Therefore, let us love the Lord by offering back
a portion of all that has been given us.

Prayer of Dedication

**Into your hands, O faithful God, we commit our lives and these gifts.
Increase them and transform them into abundant goodness, that they
might proclaim your presence in the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Closing Hymn: Take My Life and Let it Be

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 silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

Commission and Blessing

Postlude: A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD Martin Luther
 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
 Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
 For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his
 equal.

Today's Worship Participants:

Andy Clay, Jane Kerr, organist, David Maley, guitar, Debbie
Noel, Piano, Steve Hoffman, liturgist, Jeremy Rissi, Cello, Pam
Williams, children's time, and
Whitney Roberts, technical team