

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, July 11, 2021 | The God Who Leads & Delivers

Prelude

J. Noel Lance

Greeting & Prayer of Submission

Rev. Allison

Benfield

Call to Worship

Rev. Benfield

ONE: We lift our praises to the God who calls us sons and daughters.

ALL: **May we have eyes to see God's face in each person we meet.**

ONE: May we come together raising a single voice,

ALL: **That proclaims that the God of each of us is the God of us all.  
Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn of Praise

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Chalice Hymnal No. 4, vv. 1, 2 & 4

NICAEA

Reading from the Scriptures

Karen Moegerle

Matthew 23:27

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth. So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”

Matthew 6:13

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

ONE: This is the written word of God for the people of God.

ALL: **Thanks be to God**

\*Hymn of Praise

Chalice Hymnal No. 658, vv. 1 & 3

*Restless Weaver*

BEACH SPRING

Restless Weaver, ever spinning threads of justice and shalom; Dreaming patterns of creation where all creatures find a home; Gathering up life's varied fibers – every texture, every hue: Grant us Your creative vision, with us weave Your world anew.

When our violent lust for power ends in lives abused and torn,  
From compassion's sturdy fabric fashion hope and trust reborn. Where Injustice rules as tyrant, give us courage, God, to dare  
Live our dreams of transformation, make our lives incarnate prayer.

The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Lee Gray

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.

## Special Song

*For What It's Worth*

Tarsha Williams & J. Kevin Gray  
Stephen Stills

There's something happening here;  
But what it is ain't exactly clear.  
There's a man with a gun over there  
Telling me I got to beware.

*Chorus*

*I think it's time we stop children, what's that sound?  
Everybody look, what's going down?*

There's battle lines being drawn.  
Nobody's right if everybody's wrong.  
Young people speaking their minds,  
Getting so much resistance from behind.

*Chorus*

What a field day for the street  
A thousand people you will meet.  
Singing songs and they're carrying signs,  
Mostly say, "Hooray for our side."

*Chorus*

Paranoia strikes deep.  
Into your life it will creep.  
It starts when you're always afraid.  
Step out of line, the men come and take you away.

*Chorus*

## Message

*There's Something Happening Here*

Rev. Nathan Dove

## Special Song

*The Times, They Are A-Changing*

J. Kevin Gray  
Bob Dylan

Come gather 'round people, wherever you roam  
And admit that the waters around you have grown  
And accept it that soon you'll be drenched to the bone  
And if your breath to you is worth savin'  
Then we better start swimmin' or we'll sink like a stone  
For the times they are a-changin'

Come senators, congressmen, please heed the call  
Don't stand in your doorway, don't block up the hall  
For he that gets hurt, will be he who has stalled  
'Cause the battle outside ragin'  
Will soon shake your windows and rattle your walls  
For the times they are a-changin'

Come mothers and fathers throughout the land  
Please don't criticize what you can't understand  
Your sons and your daughters are beyond a command  
The old road is rapidly agin'  
Please get out of the new one or lend us your hand  
For the times they are a-changin'

## Offertory Prayer

Rev. Benfield

## Offertory Anthem

*Guide My Feet*

Chancel Choir  
Arr. Avis Graves

Guide my feet while I run this race.  
Hold my hand while I run this race.

*Refrain*

*Lord Guide my feet and keep my way, can't make a step without you. I don't want to run this race in vain.*

Be my friend while I run this race.

*Refrain*

Stand by me while I run this race.

*Refrain*

## \*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above ye heavenly host:  
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Commissioning the Scattered Church

Rev. Dove

## \*Going Forth

*Community of Christ*  
LEONI

Chalice Hymnal No. 655, vv. 3 & 4

Community of Christ, through whom the word must sound –  
Cry out for justice and for peace the whole world round:  
Disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy,  
Turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.

When menace melts away, so shall God's will be done,  
The climate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;  
Our currency be love and kindness our law,  
Our food and faith be shared as one forevermore.

## Postlude

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