

The Worship of God

Sunday, August 29, 2021 | The God Who Answers All Our Prayers



Gathering Music

Aria from Goldberg Variations by J.S. Bach

J. Kevin Gray

Take these moments to reflect on times in your life when you felt loved and heard by others and by God.

Greeting

Rev. Nate Dove

Church Conference

Jason Benton

Prayerful Call to Worship

Rev. Dove

ONE: Lord of our life, Lord of our journey,

ALL: **we lift our song of praise!**

ONE: Grant us wisdom to follow You as we travel through this life.

ALL: **Let Your ways be our ways, and let us rejoice in Your presence.**

*Hymn of Praise

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

Chalice Hymnal No. 717, verse 1

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator, triumphantly raise;

who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:

till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

Reading from the Gospel of John

Bobbie Hinson

John 11:32-34

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Moment of Centering

Here As in Heaven

Brown, Joye, Ntlele & Brock

J. Kevin Gray

During this song, quiet your mind and spend time simply existing in the presence of God.

The atmosphere is changing now,
for the Spirit of the Lord is here.

The evidence is all around,
that the Spirit of the Lord is here.

Overflow in this place,
fill our hearts with your love.

Your love surrounds us.

You're the reason we came,
to encounter your love.

Your love, surrounds us

Spirit of God fall fresh on us;
we need your presence.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,
here as in heaven.

The Church at Prayer & 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.

Prayer Concerns

Andrew Adair, Carol Drye, Betty Fuller, Polly Hull, John Owens, Tish Philemon, Gene & Carol Poole, Elma Thomas
Prayers for our world, especially those living in the wake of the earthquake in Haiti, the citizens of and troops in
Afghanistan, and everyone affected by COVID-19.

Song of Trust

Rest in the Lord by J. Kevin Gray

Vija Chilton-Thompson & Chancel Choir

Speaker: You who are in the middle of a desperate moment, you are not alone, God is there.

Choir: Rest in the Lord with patience and with faith, for God is worthy of our trust.

Speaker: God is moved by your cry. God loves you and is working through the world on your behalf.

Choir: Rest in the Lord, with patience and with faith, for God is worthy of our trust.

Message

A Cartography of Jesus' Prayer Life
Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

*Hymn of Discipleship

Christ for the World! We Sing
ITALIAN HYMN

Christ for the world! We sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

Offertory Prayer

Scott Hicks

Offertory

How Great Thou Art by Stuart Hine
J. Kevin Gray

*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

Dr. Foust

Postlude

Festive Postlude
J. Kevin Gray

