

WELCOME

Emma Bushong

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, help us to be present in worship this day even as you are present. Amen.

PRELUDE

Aria

Flor Peeters
Robbie Jones, organ

†CALL TO WORSHIP

How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord!

This house cannot contain your glory;

even the heavens are bursting with the goodness of your presence!

Happy are those who find their strength in you.

Hear our prayers this day, Holy God, as we proclaim your praises to all the earth!¹

†HYMN NO. 152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

FOREST GREEN

†PASSING THE PEACE

Matthew Webb

INTRODUCTION OF CARRIE SHERRILL

Gretchen Napier

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 84

Jack Charles Headrick

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

What Shall I Render to the Lord

Peter Tiefenbach
Sanctuary Choir

SERMON

Pilgrimages of the Heart

Paul Purdue

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.²

†HYMN

How Lovely, Lord

SALLEY GARDENS

OFFERING

Hunter Wade

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OFFERTORY

Clap Your Hands

Alfred V. Fedak

†DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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 NO. 648

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

HYFRYDOL

†BENEDICTION

Beloved, God dwells among us! This is good news!

Go now in the blessing of the Triune God who created you, redeems you, and sustains you
to live and love as neighbors to God and one another.

Amen.³

CHORAL BLESSING

Amen (from Total Praise)

Richard Smallwood

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune

Norman Cocker

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Robbie Jones, organist

Sanctuary Choir

Paul Purdue, Senior Pastor

Matthew Webb, Director of Music Ministries

Emma Bushong, Director of Ministry with Young People

Hunter Wade, Belmont Wesley Fellowship Director

Miles Christi, acolyte

Alice Cramer, crucifer

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¹written by Amy Loving. Posted on The Worship Closet website. <http://worshipcloset.com/>

²*A Brief Statement of Faith from the United Church in Canada.*

³Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2024.

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