

WELCOME

Matthew Webb

PRELUDE

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Christy Perkey, piano

arr. Marilyn Thompson

†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

†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

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 84

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pilgrimages of the Heart

Paul Purdue

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The celebrant gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues the thanksgiving.

The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled, and the celebrant concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The celebrant invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:
All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD – SHARING THE CUP

As we celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, everyone is invited.

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Virginia Halberg

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Larry Shackley

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

Liturgy written/selected by Emma Bushong.

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

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

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

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