



Summer Worship Service The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE My Hope

Paul Baloche

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

#446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

WE CONFESS

*EMBODIED CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We Are One in the Spirit (verse 1 and Chorus)

Peter Scholtes

Verse 1

We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our Love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Kate Arrington and Lizzie Arrington

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Please stand if you are able

SCRIPTURE

Gospel: John 16:20-22

Book of Revelation: Revelation 21:1-6, 22:1-5

Linda Filipovits

SERMON

Rev. Karen Kinney

A Life-Giving Vision

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

How do you define hope? How do you hear the phrase: the Already and the Not Yet – meaning that this vision of John’s is so hopeful, but not yet realized? What non-violent resistant hopeful action can you take to embrace the not yet?

*SERMON HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World (*from Glory to God* – see insert)

TEMPLE OF PEACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from *The Confession of 1967*, 9.32–33)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND OFFERING

Call to Give

Contemporary Ensemble

*DOXOLOGY

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (from *Glory to God*)

GLORY TO GOD

SERVICE MUSIC

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Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN

The Days Are Surely Coming (from *Glory to God* – see insert)

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*BENEDICTION

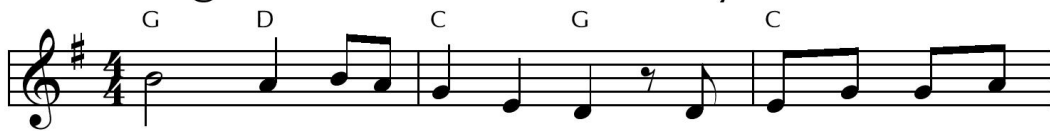
POSTLUDE Fugue No. 3 from *Six Fugues on the name of BACH*, Op. 60

Robert Schumann

Flowers given by Jane Masters in memory of Donald Masters

*You're welcome to stay and enjoy the Postlude or to depart
while the music is played. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!*

79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,




as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.

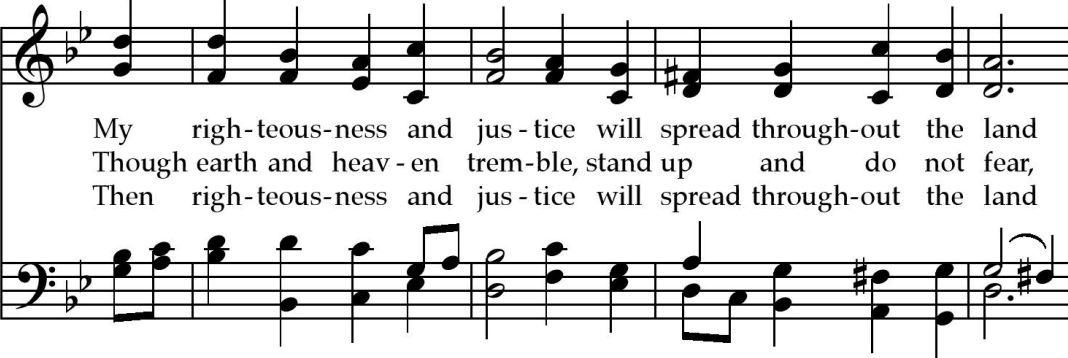
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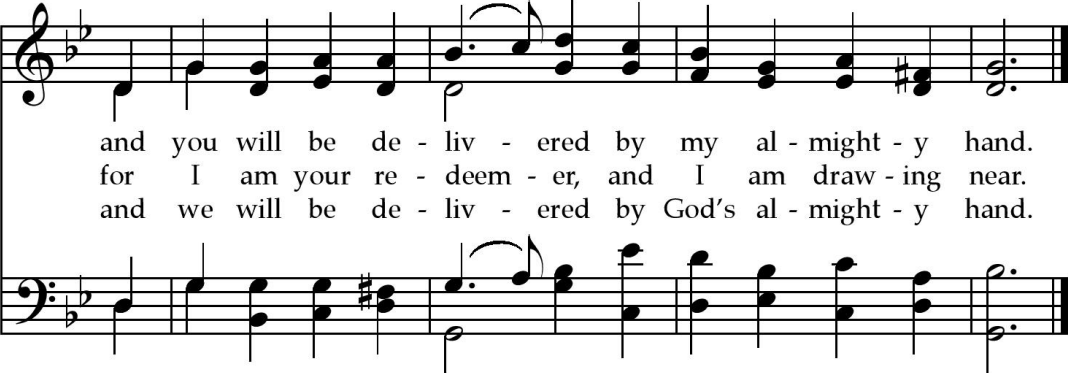
1 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says God to all the earth,
 2 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says Christ, the prom - ised one,
 3 The days are sure - ly com - ing when we will know at last



when you will see my prom - ise: sal - va - tion come to birth.
 when you will read my warn - ing in moon and stars and sun.
 the full - ness of God's pres - ence, God's prom - ise, come to pass.



My righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land
 Though earth and heav - en trem - ble, stand up and do not fear,
 Then righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land



and you will be de - liv - ered by my al - might - y hand.
 for I am your re - deem - er, and I am draw - ing near.
 and we will be de - liv - ered by God's al - might - y hand.

This text uses imagery from Jeremiah 33:14–16 and Matthew 24:29–36/Mark 13:24–32/Luke 21:25–36. These passages are especially associated with the beginning of Advent, a season that looks forward to Christ's second coming while also preparing us to remember his first coming.