

Sunday, February 4, 2024,
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome
Family Life and Work
Family Celebrations
Lighting of the Christ Candle
Acknowledging the Land

Introit: Way-Maker

(originally by Sinach)

CHORUS:

**You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You. (REPEAT)**

VERSE:

You are...

**Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are. (REPEAT)**

CHORUS:

**You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, I worship You.**

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 147)

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;

for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden and casts the wicked to the ground.

**The Lord takes pleasure in those who honour him, in those who hope in his
steadfast love. Praise the Lord!**

Opening Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me

VU 567

**1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know**

**and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?**

**2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?**

**3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?**

**4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?**

**5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

Prayer of Approach: **(unison)**

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.

Fill all creation with that word again. Help us to proclaim your joyful promises to all nations. May we sing of your glorious hope to all peoples. Make of us, you church, one living body, your true presence throughout all the earth.

Now hear us as we say together the words that Jesus taught,

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

We Listen

First Reading: Isaiah 40 : 21 - 31

Children's Time: "Eagle's Wings"

Second Reading: Mark 1: 29 - 39

Gradual Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

VU 651

**1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

Meditation: "A Deserted Place"

We Respond

Musical Offering: Built On the Rock (by Stan Pethel and Russ Borchardt)

Offertory Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Closing Hymn: **I See a New Heaven**

VU 713 vs 1,3,4

**I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.**

- 1** **There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. R**
- 3** **There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love. R**
- 4** **There, there where we work with the love of
healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land.**

Blessings and Sending Forth

Choral Benediction: Go Now in Peace

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**