

Connections Insert

The Worship of God

August 18, 2019



Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on,
keeping memory's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.

Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.

-Carl P. Daw Jr. 1995

Music for Gathering

Marietta Mobley, piano

Christ Candle

Grant McCord

Opening Sentences

Rev. Courtney Willis

Opening Voluntary

Dr. Margaret Petty, cello

Reflection on Psalm 8

Refrain

O Lord, our Lord, through - out the earth

how glo - rious is your name.

O Lord our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
 you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
 out of the mouths of infants and children
 you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
 to silence the foe and avenger.

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
 what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
 human beings that you should care for them?**

Refrain

Yet you have made them little less than divine;
 with glory and honor you crown them.
 You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under their feet:
 all flocks and cattle,
 even the wild beasts of the field,
 the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
 and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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tHymn of Praise 319 CHAUTAUQUA
Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name

tWords of Friendship Graham Bland

A Time for Children Christina McCord

Prayers of God's People Rev. Tom Petty

Opening of God's Word William Bolton

Scripture Lesson Rev. Darnysha Nard
Hebrews 11.1-16

Sermon Rev. Courtney Willis
By Faith

tHymn of Response 749 HANOVER
Rejoice in God's Saints

Musical Interlude

Offertory Prayer John Markham, deacon

Musical Offering Margaret Petty
Hyfrydol/Ebenezer Tunes

tBenediction Rev. Willis

tSending Song HYFRYDOL

**Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith, and hope, and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

-Jeffery Rowthorn

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of **Keith and Louise Burroughs**
on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.