

The Worship of God

October 13, 2019

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,
and confidently waiting, come what may,
we know that God is with us night and morning
and never fails to greet us each new day.

Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,
still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation
for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.

And when this cup you give is filled to brimming
with bitter suffering, hard to understand,
we take it thankfully and without trembling,
out of so good and so beloved a hand.

Yet when again in this same world you give us
the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,
we shall remember all the days we lived through,
and our whole life shall then be yours alone.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1944

Music for Gathering

Marietta Mobley *piano*

Christ Candle

Harrison Rose

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

Introit

Dan R. Edwards

Bless the Lord, My Soul!
Youth Choir and Young Musicians
Baker Lawrimore, Music Intern *director*
Cynthia Hartis *accompanist*
Mary Lee Porterfield, Jim Bearden *percussion*

†Call to Worship

Christopher Lyle
Youth Leadership Team President

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.**

You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.

**The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.
They stand fast forever and ever
because they are done in truth and equity.**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

**All who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.**

†Hymn of Praise 328

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God's Holy Ways Are Just and True

†Words of Friendship

Rev. Chris Cherry

A Time for Children

Christina McCord

Prayers of God's People

Rev. Cherry

The Lord's Prayer

Jocelyn Clayton cantor

Our Father | **Our Father**
in heaven | **in heaven**
holy is your name | **holy is your name.**
Your kingdom come | **Your kingdom come**
Your will be done | **Your will be done**
on earth | **on earth** | as in heaven | **as in heaven.**

Give us today | **Give us today**
our daily bread | **our daily bread**
and forgive us our sins | **and forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those | **as we forgive those**
who sin against us | **who sin against us.**

Save us from the time | **Save us from the time**
of trial | **of trial**
and deliver us | **and deliver us**
from evil | **from evil.**

For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever
For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.

Forever | **Forever** | and ever | **and ever.**

Our Father | **Our Father**
in heaven | **in heaven . . . holy is your name.**

Tune: OPPENHEIMER, anonymous

Opening of God's Word

Emerson Culbreth

Scripture Lesson

Rev. Courtney Willis

Luke 17:11-19

Choral Anthem

Moses Hogan

I Am His Child

Young Musicians, Janice Hix *accompanist*

I may not be all that you are.

I may not be a shining star.

But, what I am, I thank the Lord for making me His child.

Thank you, Lord, for hearing every prayer.

Thank you, Lord, for just being there.

Thank you, Lord, for I am not worthy of your love.

Musical Interlude

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

Turning Back to Praise

tHymn of Response 496

GIVE THANKS

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Musical Interlude

Ministry Partner

Rev. David Burroughs
President and Founder, PASSPORT



I want to fear___ less and love___ more.

I want to fear___ less and love___ more.

I want to fear___ less and love___ more.

I want to fear___ less and love___ more.

Offertory Prayer

Choral Offering

Mark Miller

I Believe

Youth Choir, Jocelyn Clayton soloist
Baker Lawrimore director, Cynthia Hartis accompanist

*I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God even when God is silent.*

—Anonymous Jewish poem

tBenediction

Rev. Sherouse

Guests are warmly welcomed today. There are several ways during the worship hour that we can become better acquainted. During the **Words of Friendship** we will share a personal greeting with those sitting around us. You will find a **Connection Card** in the pew rack that can be filled out and dropped in the offering plate as it is passed in the service. **Ministers** will also be greeting worshipers at each exit door after the service.