

Those bringing you today's service include:

Neal Davidson, Pastor
Susan McCormick, Minister of Music
Barbara Fielding, Lay Assistant
Roger Fielding, Pete Bouwma & Vaughn Siegenthaler, Musicians
Peter Bouwma, Videographer
Shannon Melideo, Online Greeter

PRELUDE

Klein Voorspel - Jef Tinel

ENTRANCE HYMN

This is my Song (ELW 887)

1. This is my song, O god of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O god of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

GREETING (ELW p. 98)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14

- ⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.
- ¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.
- ¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,
- ¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
- ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Be Thou My Vision

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793)

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| <p>1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
Thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.</p> | <p>2. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.</p> |
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OFFERTORY

Who Will Be a Witness? - arr Donald Moore

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING (ELW p. 114)

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

Before You, Lord we Bow (ELW 893)

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| 1. Before you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns
above
And rules the world below with boundless pow'r
and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise, our hearts
we raise, to you we sing! | 2. And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then
ev'ry land
From all its rending tombs send forth a glorious
band,
A countless throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's
high king salvation's song! |
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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 115)

Go in peace! Celebrate! Think! Serve!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King - arr Gordon Young