

Words to Ponder

"A good hymn should be like a good prayer - simple, real, earnest, and reverent"
(William Walsham How, writer of "We Give Thee but Thine Own")

GATHERING MUSIC

1. In the Sanctuary (Kurt Carr)
2. Heaven Help Me (Lizzo)
3. Lord You're Mighty (Youthful Praise)

WORDS OF WELCOME | *PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Ann Hayman

CALL TO WORSHIP

May the God who sent the Light into our world, who shone in the Bethlehem manger, and who spreads the Spirit's rays, be with you all.

And also with you.

Please pray with me. . .

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, you inspired great musicians to write the hymns and music we sing today. We gather here to be with you and with all your people. Inspire us, we pray. May the glory of singing your praise stir our hearts and minds that we in turn may help to inspire the generations that follow us. Amen.

(Adapted from "Opening Prayer" in Singing Faith Alive, Betty Lynn Schwab (ed.) (The United Church of Canada), p. 15.)

HYMNS OF PRAISE

"Morning Has Broken"

"Total Praise"

"Amazing Grace"

PRAYING AND LISTENING TOGETHER

"We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world." (A Song of Faith)

Come, O Holy Spirit: come as Holy Fire and burn in us, come as Holy Wind, and cleanse us within, come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance, come as Holy Power and enable our weakness, come as Holy Life and dwell in us. Convict us, convert us, consecrate us, until we are set free from the service of ourselves, to be your servants to the world.

(Adapted from Eric Milner-White 1884–1963, Voices United 197.)

Incarnate Word of God, in your flesh you reconciled us to God the Creator.

You continue to bring peace with God to all those who in heartfelt repentance confess their sin. Forgive us then, we pray, and cleanse us from the deep stain of sin.

Mercifully direct our thoughts, words, and deeds through the power of the Holy Spirit to the greater glory of God.

Help us as we look to you, that we may persevere in your service and reconciling love.

(Michael Buckley, Northern Ireland Peacemaker)

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Father Abraham"

Rev. Ann Hayman

ANTHEM

"Precious Lord"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 150 (Read Responsively)

Praise the Lord.

We are here today to offer praises to our savior.

Praise God in the sanctuary;

We are the body of Christ. We have gathered in this sanctuary to lift our voice in praise.

Praise God in the mighty heavens.

We look forward to being with our savior one day in heaven where we will be surrounded with beauty and perfect heart-felt praise.

Praise God for the many acts of power;

For walking on water, for calming the storm, for raising the dead and for conquering sin we praise you.

Praise God for all the surpassing greatness.

We praise the King of Kings, The Lord of Lords and the Prince of Peace.

Praise the Divine One with the sounding of the trumpet,

We will praise you with brass instruments.

Praise the Holy One with the harp and lyre,

We will praise you with stringed instruments.

Praise the Lord with timbrel and dancing,

We will praise you with tambourines and dancing.

Praise God with the strings and pipe,

We will praise you with the organ and the guitar.

Praise God with the clash of cymbals,

we praise you to celebrate because today is the day you have made.

WORD IN SONG

"How Great thou Art"

Elvis Presley

SONG STORY AND HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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SONG STORY AND HYMN

“This Is My Father’s World”

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SONG STORY AND HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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Together let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God, our creator?

I believe in God, creator of all things, whose heavenly song sent the planets into motion. Even when we go astray, God calls us back, showing us the fullness of life and giving us new songs of praise for each and every day.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ who lived for us and among us, healing the sick, easing the burdens of all people, and teaching us the new song of God’s kingdom. He showed His love for all God’s children in His death and the hope for eternal life in His resurrection.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of life who sings God’s grace through all time and space. I listen for the Holy Spirit through the history of songs sung by all the communion of saints and through the unwritten songs of all who are to come in the future. I believe that God has a song for my life as well. Amen.

HYMN OF FAITH

“Blessed Assurance”

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Spoken Prayer and Sung Lord’s Prayer

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THE OFFERING

Call to Giving

Offertory

“You Raise Me Up”

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

To God the Spirit now we raise

Our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING

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As we go forth from this place,

let us resolve to live with your song in our hearts,

**to sing your mission faithfully and boldly,
wherever we find ourselves in your world,
so that with and by your grace we may become
your faithful people! Amen.**

BENEDICTION “This Little Light of Mine” (Words on Slide)

POSTLUDE God Did (DJ Khaled)