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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Anna Owens

Introit

Amazing Grace
arr. Philip Gehring

*Call to Worship

Rev. Alice Whitson

God hears the cries of the just.

Listen to our shouts of praise, O God.

Turn your ear to our prayers, for our voices declare your glory.

You search our hearts and know us.

Show us your steadfast love and your great strength.

Guard us as the apple of your eye; hide us in the shadow of your wings,

that we may go forth with our feet firmly planted

along the path of righteousness and truth.

*Hymn 409

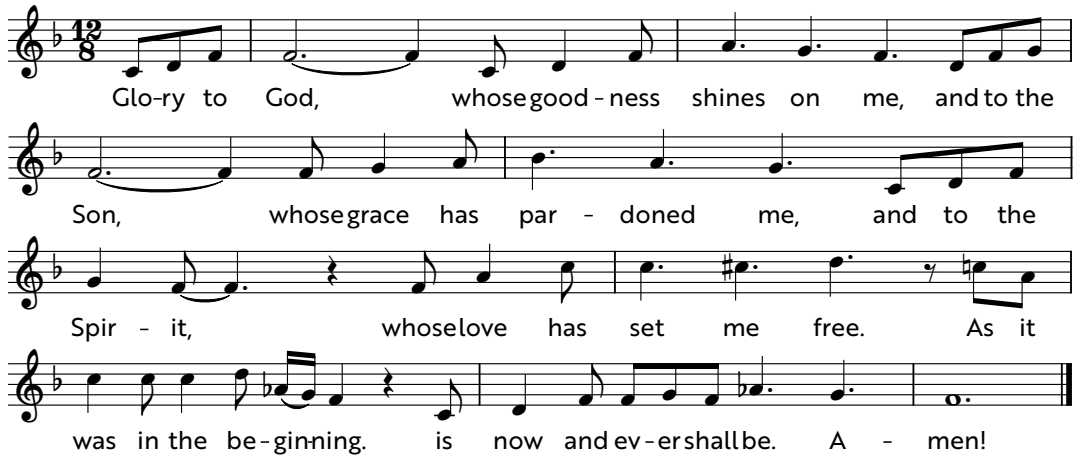
God Is Here!

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, long ago you commanded us to build no other altars and worship no idols, but we confess that we are still fashioning other gods out of the things of this world. We worship individuality; we idolize wealth; we become zealots for tradition and "the way things have always been" over the movement of your Holy Spirit in our lives. Forgive us. Help us remember how to be your people and walk in your light. (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance



*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Meghan Stumpf

Scripture

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 (p. 1078)

Sermon

Orthodoxy

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

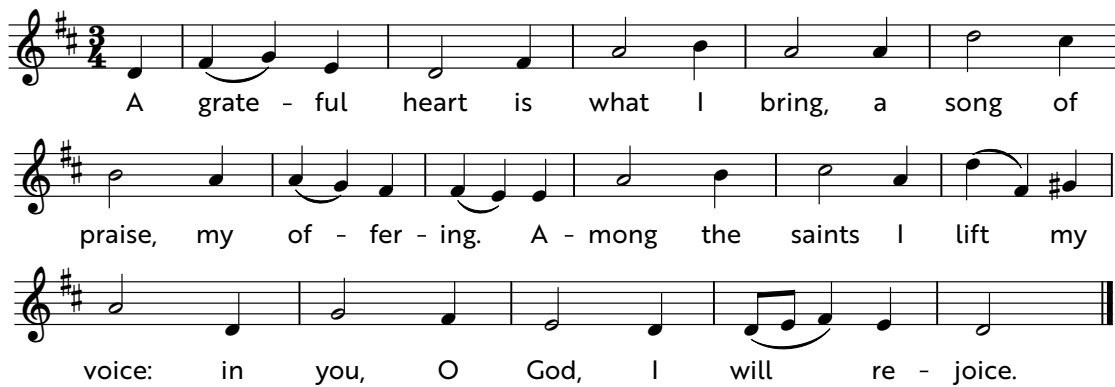
Ritual of Friendship and Announcements

Call for the Offering

Offertory Music

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel
by Roger Emerson; Summer Choir with Dr. Josh Maize, conductor

*Sung Response



*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 649 (st. 1-4)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (Hymn 649, st. 5)

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

*Postlude

Tuba Tune
by C. S. Lang

**All who are able may stand*

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Words of Faith (June 28-Sept. 20). Words matter. How we speak about our faith matters. How we describe what it is we do and do not believe matters. In this summer's sermon series, our pastors will explore different words of faith that come to us from a variety of places—scripture, theology, culture—in hopes that we might broaden our vocabulary and deepen our faith.

July 26	Orthodoxy - Rev. Anna Owens
Aug. 2	Eschatology - Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips
Aug. 9	Silence - Rev. Zach Walker (<i>Blessing of the Backpacks</i>)
Aug. 16	Revelation - Rev. Alice Whitson

Today is the Last Summer Social – You are invited to Friendship Hall for a half-hour gathering. Coffee and snacks will be available.

Child care is available downstairs. Bring infants through 23 mo. to Room 114 and ages 2-4 to Room 107. Parents, please keep your cell phones on!

Lighthouse (Children's Sunday School) – Elementary students (rising K-6) will check-in and start worship together in the Sanctuary, then walk to Lighthouse together with teachers. Pick up after worship in Room 307. **Family Worship begins next Sunday:** In August, kids will worship with their families while we prepare for Fall Lighthouse. We look forward to seeing you at kickoff on Sept. 13! (Child care for children age 5 and under will still be available.)

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.
Ask an usher to bring you one.

Streaming video of Sunday services is available at villagepres.org/online.
You may call in to listen to a week-delayed broadcast of our Sanctuary service at 913-203-1301.
We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

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