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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips

Introit

Sunshine
by Grant Horsley; Flute Trio

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen

God has gathered us in this place,

so we might hear stories of hope for the days ahead.

God has called us to this place,

so we may listen to the movement of the Spirit in the world around us.

God will send us from this place,

so others may know of the good news that is coming soon.

*Hymn 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

you call us to wait and to keep watch, but we are an impatient people.

We would rather know the exact moment when you will break

into the world again than wait in the unexpected grace of anticipation.

**Forgive us, O God, when we grow weary of waiting. We forget that we are called
to be the light for others who are in desperate need of your hope for the world.**

Forgive us, O God, when we neglect to keep watch. Renew our spirits.

Fill us with hope. Teach us to wait. (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance

Glo-ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me, and to the
Son, whose grace has par - doned me, and to the
Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it
was in the be - ginning. is now and ev - er shall be. A - men!

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 12/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth McKell

Scripture

Matthew 25:1-13 (p. 903)

Sermon

Eschatology

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

(Please remain seated and join in singing this refrain when invited.)

Chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil - dren,
don't grow wea - ry; chil - dren, don't grow
wea - ry, for this work's al - most done.

The musical notation is written on three staves in a single system. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

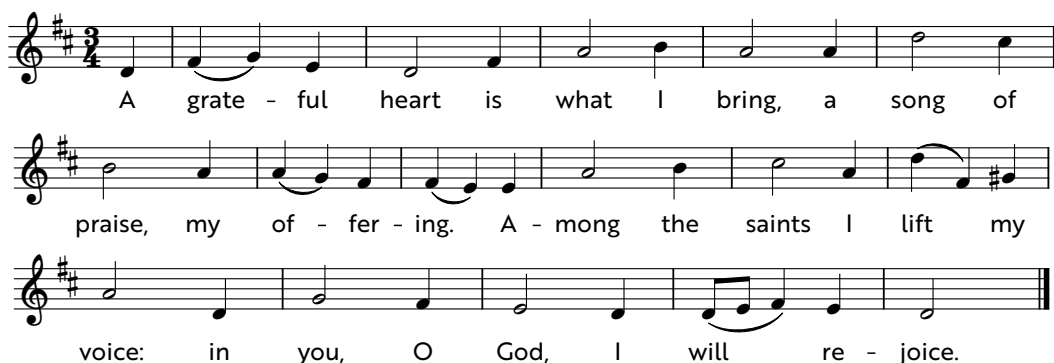
Ritual of Friendship and Announcements

Call for the Offering

Offertory Music

The Willow Tree
by Grant Horsley; Flute Trio

*Sung Response



A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of
praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I lift my
voice: in you, O God, I will re - joice.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Response

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 360 (st. 1-3)

Christ Is Coming!

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (Hymn 360, st. 4)

Long your exiles have been pining for your promised rest and home,

**but in heavenly glory shining, soon the risen Christ shall come.
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Joyful, shout the victory psalm.**

*Postlude

Darwall's 148th
by Brenda Portman

**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.

Aug. 2	Eschatology - Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips
Aug. 9	Silence - Rev. Zach Walker (<i>Blessing of the Backpacks</i>)

TODAY'S WORSHIP MUSICIANS

Organ/Piano: Dr. Elisa Bickers and Chris Leaver
Flute: Janice Rawlings and Erika Wheeler
Hymn Leaders: Carolyn Baruch and Tami Morrow

New Member Luncheon Today! – 11 a.m. Room 232/233. If you're interested in becoming a member, you're invited to join us today! If you have questions or want to learn more about Village Church, contact carol.solenberger@villagepres.org.

Blessing of the Backpacks at all worship services next Sunday, Aug. 9. Calling everyone returning to school! Bring your backpacks to worship for our annual blessing.

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!

Today is a Family Worship Sunday – Kids will worship with their families while we prepare for Fall Lighthouse. We look forward to seeing you at kickoff on Sept. 13!

**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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