

The Morning Worship

Liturgist
Pastor Helgen

The Prelude *On Eagle's Wings* - - - - - Charles Callahan

The Processional Hymn

(Please stand as you are able as the pastors enter the Chancel)

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
our grateful songs before your throne arise.

Your love divine has led us in the past;
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
your word our law, your paths our chosen way.

Refresh your people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace
until at last we meet before your face.

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*

The Confession of Sins and Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.** *(Please sing)*

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*

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

Congregation: And also with you. *(Please sing)*

The Kyrie- - - - - Page 138

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy. *(Please sing)*

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy. *(Please sing)*

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy. *(Please sing)*

Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy. *(Please sing)*

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*

The Hymn of Praise- - - - - 836:1

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. *(Please sing)*

Pastor and Congregation:

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. *(Please sing)*

(Please be seated)

The Epistle - - - - - Galatians 5:1, 13-14 (page 948)

Christ died to set us free from sin and from a long list of laws and regulations.

The Gradual Hymn - - - - - 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.

(Before the reading, please stand as you are able and sing)

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - - - - - Luke 4:18-19 (page 835)

Jesus is quoting Isaiah 61, the deliverance of Israel from exile, a year of jubilee, when all debts are cancelled, all slaves are freed, and all property is returned to its original owners. Here Jesus is proclaiming himself as the one who will bring this to pass.

(After the reading, please sing)

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Profession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Anthem *This Day* - - - - - Lowell Alexander

Carah Hart, soprano

The Welcome

The Offertory *How Great Thou Art* - - - - - Bryce Inman

Carah Hart, soprano

