

First Sabbath Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Norman Moll

Preparing to Hear the Word of God

Preparation

Cantabile

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Choral Call to Worship

“Sing Hallelujah to the Lord”

Linda Benjamin

L: Glory to God in the highest, and glory to God who lives in our every moment;

All: Feeling and revealing, instilling and sustaining life in each of us, while suffering and celebrating in all that we experience.

L: Glory to God in the depths, the one who stays in the struggling places and draws us into truth, the one who sings gently in our souls as we survive every new and costly journey.

All: Glory to God, today and tomorrow and down the ages of time.

* Hymn of Praise

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

No. 607

Call to Confession

L: As we make our way through the changing seasons, let us remember the times when we changed in our response to God’s love. We remember that sometimes we act in uncaring ways. We sometimes squander resources in foolish ways. We often forget that all people, from every walk of life, are God’s children. God’s Son, our Savior Jesus, suffered, died and rose again for each.

All: Loving God, you know how often we wish that the glory of Jesus Christ could arise from a less difficult journey through life. You know how we are tempted to bear witness to a faith that offers greater freedom from the hard things demanded of us. You know how often we close our ears so we can’t hear you calling us back to our commitment, and close our eyes to the sights that invite us out of our comfort zone.

Silent Reflection

All: O God, forgive us and show us the glory of Your grace, Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we offer to the world a god who favors us over others. Forgive us when we offer a god who turns away from struggling people and harder questions. Forgive us when we remember only the parts of Your Word that make us feel good. Forgive us for refusing to grow in response to the gift of a difficult call from You.

Silent Reflection

All: Dear God, forgive us. We are those who dream of following You, but fail You when temptations come. Show us the glory of Your grace, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

L: In the heart of God, amazing grace is still offered in ways beyond our telling. For God is indeed God and not limited in love as we so often are.

All: We are loved! We are forgiven! We are cleansed! Thanks be to God!

Response "Glory Be to the Father" **No. 660**

Hearing the Word of God

Children's Sermon "Papa, Can You Fix It?" Norman Moll

Old Testament Scriptures Genesis 6:5-8; 18:20-23; Joel 3:9-16; Daniel 12:1-4; Isaiah 61:10-11

New Testament Scriptures Revelation 11:15-18; 22:10-14; 19:6-9a David Moll

Reading "What Shall Wash Away My Sin?" *Robert Lowry*

Leader

What shall wash away my sin?
What shall make me pure within?
For my cleansing this I see—
For my pardon this my plea—
Nothing can for sin atone—
Nought of good that I have done—
This is all my hope and peace—
This is all my righteousness—

Choir (sung)

Glory! Glory! This I sing—
All my praise for this I bring—

All

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

All (sung)

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

All (sung)

Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus!

Sermon "Facing of the Judgment with Confidence Instead of Fear" Norman Moll

Anthem "The King Shall Come" *Ludwig Lenel*

The King shall come when morning dawns, and light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills, and life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child to bear, and fight, and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

O brighter than that glorious morn shall this fair morning be,
When Christ, our King, in beauty comes, and we His face shall see!

The King shall come when morning dawns, and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, "Come quickly, King of kings".

Our Response to God

Choral Call to Prayer	"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"	
Family Prayer		Norman Moll
The Lord's Prayer		<i>Moravian</i>
Offering		Church Budget
Offertory	"The Everlasting Arms" (#469)	<i>Wilbur Held</i>
* Hymn of Response	"I Will Sing of Jesus' Love"	No. 183

Words of Assurance Romans 8: 28-39 (Adapted from J. B. Philips & NEB)

L: Moreover we know that to those who love God, who are called according to his plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good. God, in his foreknowledge, chose them to bear the family likeness of his Son, that He might be the eldest of a family of many brothers and sisters. He chose them long ago; when the time came he called them, he made them righteous in his sight and then lifted them to the splendor of life as his own sons and daughters.

All: In fact of all this, what is there left to say? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not grudge his own Son but gave him up for us all—can we not trust such a God to give us, with him, everything else that we can need?

L: Who would dare to accuse us, whom God has chosen? The judge himself has declared us free from sin. Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ intercedes for us!

All: Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble, pain or persecution? Can lack of clothes and food, danger to life and limb, the threat of force of arms?

L: Indeed some of us know the truth of that ancient text:
"For thy sake we are killed all the day long;
We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter."
No, in all these things we win an overwhelming victory through him who has proved his love for us.

All: I am absolutely convinced that there is nothing in death or life, in the realm of spirits or superhuman powers, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, in the forces of the universe, in heights or depths—nothing in all creation that can separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus my Lord.

Choral Benediction "We Rise"

We rise to translate our praise into deed; prepared to go out we follow God's lead.
From Sabbath to Sabbath the challenge remains: when worship is over the service begins.

Postlude "Look Up, My Soul" *Robert Elmore*

Look up, my soul, to Christ our joy, with a believing mind;
With all the ills which us annoy, the way to Jesus find;
Here in this world we have no home, nor lasting joy; to Jesus come,
He is the Pearl of greatest price, who all our wants supplies.