

First Sabbath Worship

April 7, 2007

Welcome and Announcements

If you are a visitor, we wish you a special welcome. You are invited to enter into our worship as you are able. Please to stay after worship for dinner with us in the Activity Center. "H" indicates hymns found in the Church Hymnal. "C" indicates hymns found in Celebrate. May God's Spirit touch and renew your life today.

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

Preparation "Now the Green Blade Rises" (#175) *John Barr*

Leader: Lord God Almighty, none is as mighty as you; in all things you are faithful, O Lord.

All: You rule over the powerful sea; you calm its angry waves. . . . Heaven is yours, the earth also; you made the world and everything in it.

Leader: How powerful you are! How great is your strength! Your kingdom is founded on righteousness and justice; love and faithfulness are shown in all you do.

All: How happy are the people who worship you with songs, who live in the light of your kindness!

Choral Call to Worship "Holy Is the Lord" (#C-34) *Nolene Prince*

* Hymn of Praise Medley

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (stanzas 1 & 2) **No. C-103**
"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!" (stanzas 1 & 3) **No. C-71**
"Bless the Lord, O My Soul" **No. C-10**

Call to Confession

Leader: When we come to God, we can bare the deepest, most hidden parts of ourselves. The light of God can help us discover ourselves as we really are.

All: I know the secret motives behind my every act. Prayer invites me to bring every action, my whole life, into God's presence for cleansing and restoration.

Leader: When anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous one. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Silent reflection and personal confession

Leader: This is the testimony: God has given us eternal life and this life is in his Son; anyone who has the Son has life, anyone who does not have the Son does not have life. This is written to you so that you who believe in the name of the Son of God may be sure that you have eternal life.

All: "Praise God" **No. C-78**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Children's story "Change" *Norman Moll*

Anthem "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (#93) *Mack Wilberg*

Responsive Psalm

(from Psalm 8, NIV)

All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Leader: From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

All: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

Leader: You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

All: You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet; all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Meditation "Chrysalis" *Robert Hebble*

Sermon "Metamorphosis" Norman Moll

OUR RESPONSE

Hymn of Response "Now the Green Blade Rises" No. H-175
Family Prayer Norman Moll
Choral response "Our Father" *John Weaver*

Offering Church Budget
Offertory "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!" (#173) *Harold Ratz*

Dedication God of light, Lord of nations: You have shown Your glory to all humankind in Jesus Christ. And in Him we are drawn together. Use the gifts that we bring to You to further the work of Your church, that all people may know Your truth, love, and praise; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

Responsive Scripture (Adapted from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Corinthians 15:51-58; and Revelation 22:17, 20, 21; *The Message*)

Leader: And regarding the question, friends, that has come up about what happens to those already dead and buried, we don't want you in the dark any longer. First off, you must not carry on over them like people who have nothing to look forward to, as if the grave were the last word. Since Jesus died and broke loose from the grave, God will most certainly bring back to life those who died in Jesus.

Choir: And then this, we tell you with complete confidence—we have the Master's word on it—that when the Master comes again to get us, those of us who are still alive will not get a jump on the dead and leave them behind. In actual fact, they'll be ahead of us.

Leader: The Master himself will give the command. Archangel thunder! God's trumpet blast: He'll come down from heaven and the dead in Christ will rise – they'll go first. Then the rest of us who are still alive at the time will be caught up with them into the clouds to meet the master.

All: O, we'll be walking on air! And then there will be one huge family reunion with the Master.

Choir: So reassure one another with these words.

Leader: Let me tell you something wonderful, a mystery I'll probably never fully understand. We're not all going to die – but we are all going to be changed.

Choir: You'll hear a blast to end all blasts from a trumpet, and in the time that you look up and blink your eyes – it's over.

Leader: On signal from the trumpet from heaven, the dead will be up and out of their graves, beyond the reach of death, never to die again.

All: At the same moment and in the same way, we'll all be changed.

Choir: In the resurrection scheme of things, this has to happen: everything perishable taken off the shelves and replaced by the imperishable. This mortal replaced by the immortal.

Leader: Then the saying will come true:

**All: Death swallowed by triumphant Life!
Who got the last word, oh, Death?
Oh, Death, who's afraid of you now?**

Leader: It was sin that made death so frightening and law-code guilt that gave sin its leverage, its destructive power. But now in a single victorious stroke of Life, all three--sin, guilt, death--are gone, the gift of our Master, Jesus Christ.

All: Thank God!

Leader: With all this going for us, my dear, dear friends, stand your ground. And don't hold back. Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort.

Choir: "Come!" say the Spirit and the Bride.

Leader: Whoever hears, echo, "Come!"

**All: Is anyone thirsty? "Come!"
All who will, come, and drink,
Drink freely of the Water of Life!**

Leader: He who testifies to all these things says it again: "I'm on my way: I'll be there soon!"

All: Yes! Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all of you.

All: Oh, Yes! Amen!

∞ **Hymn of Dedication**

Alleluia: Sing to Jesus!

No. 167

Benediction
Choral Blessing

"The God of Peace"

Hal Hopson

Postlude

"Carillon"

Louis Vierne

In Appreciation

Organ: Dorothy Moll

Piano: David Moll, Doug Webster

Choir: *Deus Veritas*

Thank you: members of our Church Choir, musicians, children, friends and church family – thorough your participation you make this worship service meaningful. A special thanks goes to Dorothy Moll for conceptualizing today's service and coordinating the music to complement the spoken word. –
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Material in today's sermon was adapted from the following sources:

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