

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

ORDER OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

T. J. Ellis, piano
arr. Franklin Ritter

WELCOME

Rev. Todd Matocha

CHORAL INTROIT

“The LORD God Reigns in Majesty!”

The Chancel Choir
Psalm 99

* CALL TO PUBLIC WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Rev. Matocha

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Matocha

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.

* HYMN 247 (TPH)

“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”

KREMSE

CONFESSION OF SIN

Rev. David Griffin

from *The Valley of Vision*

Leader: Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglecting to see You in my daily life.

People: My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ;

Leader: Go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them.

People: Let not the passions of the flesh nor lusts of the mind bring my spirit into slavery, but may You rule over me in liberty and power.

Leader: I thank You for Your wisdom and Your love, for all the acts of discipline to which I am subject, for sometimes putting me into the furnace to refine my gold and remove my dross.

People: Deliver me from every evil habit, every accretion of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in You. In the name of Jesus, our Savior and our Lord, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Griffin

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

The Chancel Choir; Ann Guest, piano
arr. John Ness Beck

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Griffin

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

* DOXOLOGY (TPH 570)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Griffin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Matocha

(Children (3-K) leave for Extended Learning Time during the first stanza of the hymn. Extended Learning Time is located downstairs in the Blue Room at the end of the children's hallway. Parents are welcome to guide their children to Extended Learning Time if desired. Please pick up your children directly after the service in the classroom on the children's hallway.)

* HYMN 284 (TPH)

"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

LYONS

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 7:12-14 (Pew Bible p. 812)

SERMON

Rev. Matocha

"The Narrow Way"

*** HYMN 410 (TPH)**

“Christian Hearts in Love United”

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*** BENEDICTION**

Rev. Matocha

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

T. J. Ellis, organ
arr. Greg Nelson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECTION CARDS: As part of our Shepherding Ministry, we make use of worship sign-in forms, called Connection Cards. Please pass the pad found near the center aisle down the pew for everyone to fill out and then return it to the inner aisle once it is completed.

D-GROUPS (grades 6-12) will meet tonight from 6:00-8:00 p.m., in the Youth Area for a time of Bible Study, food, and fellowship.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES will take place this Wednesday, May 1. The Joy Singers will rehearse at 5:30 p.m., in the Children’s Choir Room. If you signed up to reserve a meal, your meal will be served at 5:45 p.m. If you didn’t sign up for a meal, please feel free to bring your own food and join us for dinner. Following dinner, the adults will remain in the Fellowship Hall as Dr. Alan Avera provides an update on Outreach North America. The children and youth will head to their own Bible study in the Educational Building. The Chancel Choir will rehearse in the Choir Room at 7:15 p.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024 registration is open to members of GARP. Please use the email sent in recent emails to register. Contact Rebekah Harkins with any questions.

THE 2024 FELLOWSHIP RETREAT will be held at Bonclarken Conference Center on May 3-5. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We need some volunteers to help with random jobs (Early Bird coffee, snack helpers) throughout the Fellowship Retreat weekend. Sign up using the link found in the weekly email. Also, be sure to complete your Retreat SmartWaiver Form. Bonclarken requires every attendee to sign the digital SmartWaiver form. It can also be found in the weekly email.

2024 BONCLARKEN MUSIC CONFERENCE registration is underway! This year's Adult Choir Clinician is Dr. Shannon Jeffreys, former Director of Choral Activities at Erskine College. If you would like to attend this year's conference, please contact T. J. Ellis. The deadline to register is May 1. Come enjoy a week of beautiful music-making on the mountain!

THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH are collecting small jars of peanut butter (16 oz.) for Upstate Backpack Blessings to distribute to children at 17 schools in our area. Please leave your jars on the black cabinet in the Upper Commons.

WE HAVE ALL BEEN ENJOYING the plants in the Commons and the courtyard. A plant service comes in regularly to take care of the plants for us. If a plant is not doing well, it is replaced at no cost to us as long as we have not moved or watered it. Many of you have green thumbs, but please resist the urge to care for our plants and just enjoy them!

1. We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2. We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
 3. With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through life's storm and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 to you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, es - cape you will make us,
 Your strong arm will guide us, our God is be - side us;

we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.
 to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise.

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3. Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!
 4. Then let us a - dore, and give him his right,

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;
 and still he is nigh— his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.
 all glo - ry and pow'r, and wis - dom and might,

the name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol;
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sa - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.
 fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing for in - fi - nite love.



1. Chris - tian hearts in love u - nit - ed, search to know God's ho - ly will.
2. Grant, Lord, that with your di - rec - tion "Love each oth - er" we com - ply.
3. Come, then, liv - ing church of Je - sus, cov - e - nant with him a - new.



Let his love, in us ig - nit - ed, more and more our spir - its fill.
 Help us live in true af - fec - tion, your love to ex - em - pli - fy.
 Un - to him who con - quered for us may we pledge our ser - vice true.



Christ the head, and we his mem - bers—we re - flect the light he is.
 Let our mu - tual love be glow - ing bright - ly so that all may view
 May our lives re - flect the bright - ness of God's love in Je - sus shown.



Christ the mas - ter, we dis - ci - ples—he is ours and we are his.
 that we, as on one stem grow - ing, liv - ing branch - es are in you.
 To the world we then bear wit - ness: we be - long to God a - lone.

