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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

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10:30 am

PRELUDE "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We wait patiently for our God.

**We will sing, we will sing new songs
of the One who calls us here.**

We will not chase after other gods.

**We will sing, we will sing new songs
of the One in whom we can trust.**

We will tell of all God has done for us.

**We will sing, we will sing new songs
of the One whose salvation is for all.**

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy One, you sent the Lord Jesus Christ to save the world from sin.

Teach us to follow him faithfully, proclaiming the good news,
that all may come to know and love the Lamb of God,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN: There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit #408**

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

CALL TO CONFESSION

It is clear that God wants to hear our prayers and forgive us, for God is willing to lean close to our hearts to listen to our failures, our poor choices, all the things we have done wrong. Please join me, as we pray together, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are faithful, Patient God, even as we continue to live in the shadows of life. We could delight in your hopes for us, but choose to do things our way. We could serve the most vulnerable around us, but long to pal around with the powerful. We could share the glad news of deliverance, but prefer to swap stories and gossip.

There is none like you, Redeemer of all your children. You lean over to listen to our prayers, and whisper forgiveness to our souls. You lift us out of the holes we dig for ourselves, and set us on hope's solid ground. You strengthen our weak faith with the life, grace, and love of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior.

Silence is kept

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Come, dear friends and receive God's grace; see all the God is doing for you; follow Jesus, as he leads you closer to God.

I will sing of God's love for me;

I will sing a new song of hope and wonder.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord, that as we hear these words of scripture this morning we might see you more clearly, and live in your light. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
⁴But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God.'
⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'
⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN: Praying in Color: 4 Things to feel Loved?

Psalm 40:1-11

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,

**and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.**

⁴ Happy are those who make
the LORD their trust,
**who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.**

⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;
none can compare with you.

**Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.**

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.

**Burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have not required.**

⁷ Then I said, 'Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

⁸ **I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.'**

⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;

**see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O LORD.**

¹⁰ I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.**

¹¹ Do not, O LORD, withhold
your mercy from me;

let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

John 1:29-42

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³² And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained

on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹ He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

SERMON: "Called to be Disciples"

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SERMON HYMN: "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" #488

WATERLIFE

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Little Free Pantry - Marilee Mathias and Diane Charsley

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Our God has done wondrous things,
too numerous to count.
Through steadfast love and faithful care,
God enriches us in every way.
Therefore, do not delay!
Let us offer to God ourselves this day,
all that we have and all that we are,
in praise and love of Christ.

THE OFFERTORY "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

DOXOLOGY: "In the Bleak Midwinter" # 144 (vs 4)

CRANHAM

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May these gifts we offer, God of new ways, bring comfort to those who grieve; hope to those who live on the streets of despair; peace to all the broken places; and grace to all who long to draw closer to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: "Will You Come and Follow Me" #726**

KELVINGROVE

CHARGE

Having learned new words from our God,
**we will go to warm others in the bleak midwinter of life,
to whisper to them of grace and hope.**

Having learned new ways to serve from Jesus,
**we will go to clear paths for those lost in oppression,
to wait with those in hospital rooms and job lines.**

Having learned new songs from the Spirit,
**we will go to sing of peace in all the broken places,
to light the way out of the shadows of injustice.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE