

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven."

Matthew 6:1

GATHERING MUSIC

"How Great Is Our God" Tomlin, Reeves

ORGAN PRAISE

"Introduction to Hymn of Praise" Post
Don Dyck

INTROIT

"Surely the Lord Is in This Place" DeJarnette
Sanctuary Choir, Jim DeJarnette

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Isaiah 6 and John 1)*

Jim Singleton - 8:20 A.M.

Joe Farrell - 9:45 A.M.

Leader: The Word has become flesh and dwelt among us.

People: *We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only.*

Leader: He is now seated on a throne, high and exalted.

People: *We proclaim with the seraphs, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty!"*

* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 136

"Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber; Public Domain; Tune: Nicaea

Chris Lawson, Stephen Hock, Jim Crosbie, Trumpet

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

Jim Smith

**GREETINGS AND WELCOME

* SONG OF PRAISE

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your pow'r and love;
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you.

Words: Brian Doerksen; © 1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music; CCLI # 153004

Christine Sebbly, Piano;
Jason Crowe, Bass; Scott Barbier, Percussion

CALL TO CONFESSION

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we know deep within ourselves, you created us to be in relationship with you. We vainly seek satisfaction from earthly recognition and reward, but there is nothing to replace being close to you. Even so, we confess to often boasting of our worthiness before others and even you, engaging in pious show, rather than quietly pursuing your will. We confuse what impresses the world, with what is the desire of your heart. Father, let our actions be motivated by passion to know you better – and joy of relationship with you that this world cannot give.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING

Holy Jesus, every day, keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

Words: William C. Dix; Public Domain; Tune: Dix

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write your name and address in the blue friendship folder.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (8:20 A.M.)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Bradford

*** RESPONSE**

"Glory Be to God Almighty"

Glory be to God Almighty:
Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
In whom every soul shines brightly,
Singing praise with heavenly host:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen!

Based on "Lauda Anima" and "Jubilate" by Saylor; arr. DeJarnette

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Nancy Maffett - 8:20 A.M.

Eunice McGarrahan - 9:45 A.M.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezra 8:21-23 (Page 744)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"In the Bleak Midwinter" Holst

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*** HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 236**

"As with Gladness"

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore your splendor see.

As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So, may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

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SERMON

"Kingdom Living: Giving and Fasting"

Matthew 6:1-4; 16-18

Jim Singleton - 8:20 A.M.

Joe Farrell - 9:45 A.M.

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 84**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be now our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts; Public Domain: Tune: St. Anne

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Reprise on Hymn of Response” Young

* Congregation standing.

** Ushers will seat worshipers who are delayed here and during hymns.

Participating Ministers:

Downtown Campus

8:20 – Jim Smith, Nancy Maffett; Jim Singleton preaching

9:45 – Jim Smith, Eunice McGarrahan; Joe Farrell preaching

9:45 FH – Jennifer Holz; Jim Singleton preaching

11:10 – Jennifer Holz; Joe Farrell preaching

5:00 – John Goodale; Joe Farrell preaching

Inn at Garden Plaza

10:15 – Nancy Maffett; Jim Singleton preaching (*video*)

*Need someone to pray for you today?
Stephen Ministers are available immediately
following today’s service —
front of Sanctuary to the right of the pulpit.*