



# The Worship of God

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 30, 2022

**Prelude** 

"'In the Presence of Jehovah' with 'Surely the Presence of the Lord is In This Place'" Pam Weis

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome Chrissy Williamson

# **† Call to Worship**

One: Arise! Shine! Christ's Church has assembled. All: We are one body, with Christ as our head.

One: What kind of body is this?

All: The Body of Christ, brought together not by human flesh, the Holy Spirit. Made up of different parts, different minds, ideas, gifts and abilities. All of us together make the body.

One: And who does the Spirit call us to be?

Those who think of others before themselves; those who support All: and encourage one another. Those who are less concerned with being right and more concerned with showing love.

One: Come, Let us worship as one body, united in Christ.

## **†** Opening Hymn

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

**NETTLETON**;

Words by Jane Parker Huber, Music from Wyeth's Respository of Sacred Music,

Part Second

God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain, mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind, and rain. We, created in your image, would a true reflection be of your justice, grace, and mercy and the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry. We respond in grateful worship joined in one community. When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole. Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.

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<sup>†</sup> Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol throughout the service.

God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new. Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care. Thus, new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

During the last stanza of our Opening Hymn, all children are invited to come forward for today's children's sermon.

Children's Sermon April Alston

Pastoral Prayer Anna Beth Cross

As our offertory anthem is sung, please feel free to place your offering in the plates on either side of the center aisle in the back of the sanctuary, or you can also give online by scanning the QR code on the back of this worship bulletin.

# **Offertory Anthem**

"My Lighthouse"
GBC Choir

By Rend Collective, arr. David Angerman

### Verse 1:

In my wrestling and in my doubts, In my failures You won't walk out, Your great love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

### Verse 2:

In the silence, You won't let go. In the questions, Your truth will hold. Your great love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

#### Chorus:

My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness,
I will follow You. whoa,
My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore.

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Verse 3:

I won't fear what tomorrow brings, With each morning I'll rise and sing. My God's love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

(Chorus)

Bridge:

Fire before us, you're the brightest, You will lead us through the storms. Fire before us, you're the brightest, You will lead us through the storms. Hey! Fire before us, you're the brightest, You will lead us through the storms.

(Chorus)

## † Doxology 817

"O Bless the Gifts"

Words by Samuel Longfellow, alt.

Music by Twila Paris

O bless the gifts our hands have brought; And bless the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

**Prayer of Dedication** 

Lisha Stewart

**Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 13:11-13, Mark 8:22-26

Keith Vaughn

**Sermon** "A Community to Check Our Vision"

Chrissy Williamson

**Silent Reflection** 

**† Musical Reflection** 

"Visions of Hope"

By Christian McIvor ©2018

Verse1:

We've come here to grow in You, seeking out what's good and true, Letting love and justice lead the way. Show us where to meet the needs, lighting flames and sowing seeds, Bringing heaven to our world today.

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### **Chorus:**

'Cause in Your word, You speak into everything, All of creation sings the sound of Your name. And in our faith, You call us from far and near, Giving us ears to hear and eyes to see With visions of hope, Visions of hope.

### Verse 2:

We're all neighbors on this earth, let us know each other's worth, Arm in arm, we'll stand up for our rights.
We will go where You will send, living love until the end, Helping all to live into the light.

(Chorus 2x)

**Invitation** Chrissy Williamson

**† Hymn of Response** 

"Though I May Speak"

GIFT OF LOVE; Words by Hal H. Hopson,

English Melody adapt. Hal H. Hopson

See words and text on the next page.

**Celebrating Community** 

Steve Rose

**Benediction** 

Chrissy Williamson

**Postlude** 

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

arr. Richard Ellsasser

Tim Hendrix

# "Though I May Speak"



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