

With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones, where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love by word and deed to all people. Based on I Peter 2:5, 6

# The Worship of God

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

**Gathering Music** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE;

Words by Isaac Watts (alt.),

Music from the Wüttembjrg Gesangbuch Hymnal

"O Sing to the Lord" CANTAI AO SENHOR;

Brazilian Folk Song trans. and arr. Gerhard M. Cartford

"God of Wonders" By Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

"Great Are You Lord" By Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan,

and David Leonard

**Prelude** "How Can I Keep From Singing?" Arr. Lani Smith

Cynthia Griesedieck

Welcome Anna Beth Cross

### **† Call to Worship**

One: In our worship,

All: May we be as welcoming as Sarah and Abraham who were quick to serve the stranger.

One: In faith,

All: May we proclaim that nothing is too big for God.

One: In moments of holy surprise,

All: May we laugh with deep abiding joy.

One: For God is in the holy surprise.

All: God is in the winding path.

One: And God is in our presence today.

All: Let us worship Holy God.

**† Opening Song** "Bring Many Names"

WESTCHASE; Words by Brian Wren, Music by Carlton R. Young

(See music and text on page 5)

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

Children's Sermon April Alston

Pastoral Prayer Steve Rose

**Offertory Anthem** 

"Tune My Heart to Sing God's Praise!"

GBC Choir

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, freed me with His precious love.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee: prone to wander, Lord, I know I'm prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise! Tune my heart to sing God's praise!

† Doxology 817

"O Bless the Gifts"

LAMB OF GOD;

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

Bill Baxley

Scripture Reading

Genesis 18:1-15

Becky Sansbury

Sermon

"A Wonder-Full Life"

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Silent Reflection** 

Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

#### **† Musical Response 87**

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Fairest Lord Jesus; Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son. Thee will I cherish; Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows; Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine; Fairer still the moonlight And all the twinkling starry host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

## **Celebrating Community**

April Alston

**Benediction** 

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

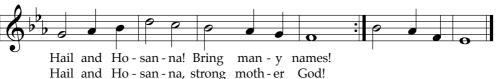
**Postlude** 

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Arr. Gordon Young

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Hail and Ho-san-na, warm fa - ther God!

Hail and Ho-san-na, old, ach - ing God!

Hail and Ho - san - na, young, grow-ing God! Hail and Ho-san-na,

great, liv-ing God!

This text affirms that the images we use for God can be inspired by either gender because both males and females reflect the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). Similarly, since God is with us at all stages of life, all ages hold the potential to reveal something about God.

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