

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

"I Will Keep My Eyes On You" Cynthia Griesedieck

By Cindy Berry

Welcome Anna Beth Cross

† Call to Worship

One: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

All: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

One: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

All: May we share God's love and life and may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit

of the living Christ.

One: The living Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

† Opening Song 314

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

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To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great "I AM,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, And thro' eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And thro' eternity, I'll sing on.

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 Music "O Love, How Deep, How Broad" DEO GRACIAS;

Pam Weis 15th Century Melody, arr. Vicki Collinsworth

† Doxology 817 "O Bless the Gifts" Arr. Vickie Collinsworth

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

Blair Andrew

Scripture Reading Song of Solomon 2:8-17 Karen Brewer

Sermon "Love Points (Love)" Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Invitation Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† Musical Response

"As the Deer"

As the deer pants for water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield; To you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you. (Repeat)

Celebrating Community

April Alston

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

"The Gift of Love"

By Hal H. Hopson, Setting by John Carter

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