

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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

Gathering Music "My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing?)"

Words and Music by Robert Lowry

"Seeing Through the Eyes of Jesus"

Words and Music by Christian McIvor ©2022

"Great Are You Lord"

Words and Music by David Leonard, Jason Ingram, and Leslie Jordan

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Words and Music by Ken Medema

Prelude "Draw Me Close"

By Kelly Carpenter,

Pam Weis

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome Christian McIvor

† Call to Worship

One: God of steadfast love and compassion,

All: We come to praise you!

One: Through your grace you have given us eternal hope

All: and comfort through all distress.

One: We come to praise you!

All: We will bless your holy name forever!

† Opening Hymn 403 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Christ is made the sure foundation. Christ the head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one, Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today. With accustomed loving kindness hear Thy people as they pray, And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

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[†] Please rise in body or spirit.

Here vouch safe to all Thy servants what they ask of Thee to gain, What they gain from Thee forever with the blessed to retain, And here after in Thy glory evermore with Thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father; Laud and honor to the Son. Laud and honor to the Spirit; ever Three and ever One. One in might and One in glory while unending ages run.

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

Offertory Anthem

"For Where Love Is, There Is God"

Words by Charlotte Lee

GBC Choir

(adapt. from *Ubi Caritas et amor*, 9th Century) Music arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Come as strangers to the altar, for where love is, there is God. Come you poor, you weak, who falter, for where love is, there is God.

Song and scripture wed together, bound by faith in sacred Word, sharing peace and consolation, for where love is, there is God.

Let us each love one another, for where love is, there is God, and embrace as sister, brother, for where love is, there is God.

Heal our hurting, lift our spirits, cease our cold, contentious ways. Spread the grace of love unending, for where love is, there is God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, for where love is, there is God. (For where love is, there is God.) For where love is, there is God.

† 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

Lisha Stewart

Scripture Reading	Psalm 145	Emily Tuttle
Sermon	"Comfort"	Chrissy Tatum Williamson
Silent Reflection		
Invitation		Chrissy Tatum Williamson
† Musical Response	"Now Thank We All Our God"	NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT; Words by Martin Rinkart,
	(Words and music on the next page)	Music by Johann Crüger
Celebrating Community		Anna Beth Cross
Blessing for Together for Hope and Passport Youth		Chrissy Tatum Williamson
Postlude	"If My People Will Pray" Pam Weis	By Jimmy Owens

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