

Peace UCC
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Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Jason Payne
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Welcome

Opening Words adapted Snadra E. Graham

One: We have been called to walk the faithful road and to choose the way of God's justice.

Many: God is good.

One: Come together, then, to be God's people. Follow Christ and listen for the good things that God has done. Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!

Many: God is good.

One: We will share with others the goodness that we have found in God. May our lives be an expression of that goodness.

Many: God is good.

Opening Response "Fearfully, Wonderfully Made"
Nathan Crabtree/Eric Whitehill

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and lyrics. The lyrics are: "You were known, known be - fore birth, You be - long, you are re - deemed. When you walk, walk through the flame. wo - ven deep, deep in the earth. Love by God, God is well pleased. God is there, call - ing your name. You were formed from star - dust. Sing praise! You are Now em - brace what God has or - dained: You are God has said, "Do not be a - fraid." You are fear - ful - ly, won - der - f'illy made. Yes you are fear - ful - ly won - der - f'illy made. Yes you are fear - ful - ly won - der - f'illy made. Yes you are

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Prayer of Invocation Maren C. Tirabassi

Merciful God, Just God, Faithful God, God of blessing and God of our most difficult times, we come to you for a moment of quiet in our self-made busyness. We come to you for energy in our weariness. We come to you for challenge when we are willing to settle for our own small plans and dreams. We long for the peace of your presence, even as we are afraid of the urgency of your call. Enter, Spirit of God, into each of our lives and enliven us; enter, Spirit of God, into our community and enable us to love and serve you and all your children. Amen

Word in Song Loretta Haggard "Humoreske"

Anton Dvorak

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Sacred Text

Psalm 139

- 1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- 7 Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- 10 even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
- 12 even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
- 13 For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
- 17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
- 18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end[a]—I am still with you.

Supreme Court Opinion written by Neil Gorsuch, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court

“Sometimes small gestures can have unexpected consequences. Major initiatives practically guarantee them. In our time, few pieces of federal legislation rank in significance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. There, in Title VII, Congress outlawed discrimination in the workplace on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Today, we must decide whether an employer can fire someone simply for being homosexual or transgender. The answer is clear. An employer who fires an individual for being homosexual or transgender fires that person for traits or actions it would not have questioned in members of a different sex. Sex plays a necessary and undisguisable role in the decision, exactly what Title VII forbids.

Those who adopted the Civil Rights Act might not have anticipated their work would lead to this particular result. Likely, they weren’t thinking about many of the Act’s consequences that have become apparent over the years, including its prohibition against discrimination on the basis of motherhood or its ban on the sexual harassment of male employees. But the limits of the drafters’ imagination supply no reason to ignore the law’s demands. When the express terms of a statute give us one answer and extratextual considerations suggest another, it’s no contest. Only the written word is the law, and all persons are entitled to its benefit.”

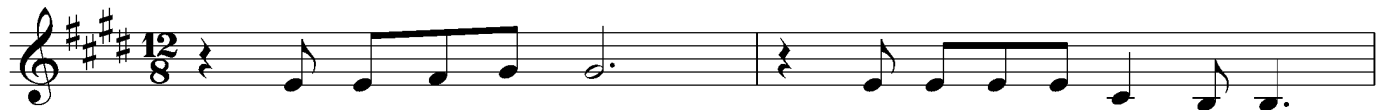
For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

Sermon Rev. Al Schon

Hymn "For Everyone Born"

Text: Shirley Mann

Alt. Text: Christopher Grundy



For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
For all gen - ders made, a place at the ta - ble,
For each race and land, a place at the ta - ble,
For each way to love, a place at the ta - ble,



for eve - ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread;
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
en - rich - ing the feast with lan - guage and song
a cov - e - nant shared, a wel - com - ing space,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing
with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
new fla - vors for some, a ref - uge for man - y
a rain - bow of ways to in - car - nate car - ing



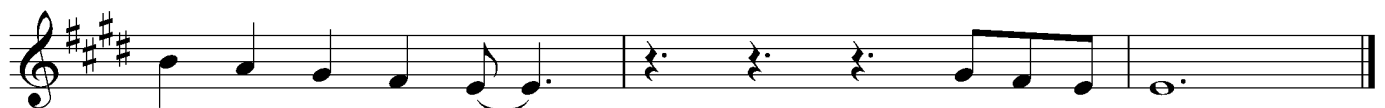
for eve - ry - one born, a star o - ver - head. And
for all gen - ders made a sys - tem that's fair.
for each race and land, the wel - come of home.
for each way to love, the chal - ice of grace,



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes God will de - light when we are cre



a - tors of jus - tice jus - tice and joy.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How Shall We Join God's Work in the World

Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to join
Your work in the world. Amen

Closing

Postlude "Trumpet Tune"

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