



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

JUNE 17, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Dear God, we come to worship You today.
We come to sing, pray, and listen. You always hear us.
Help us to hear You.
Amen.*



The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

The Gift of Love

arr. Joel Raney

The Striking of the Hour

† The Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Mr. Pendey

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness!

Minister: Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God!

People: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Minister: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

† The Processional Hymn No. 115

All Creatures of Our God and King
(stanzas 1, 4, 5)

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† The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed
(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer

(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

† The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Morning Prayers

The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left Your ways and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires: for the times we have hurt others; for the times we were unkind and impatient with those in need; for the times we were too afraid to do what was right; for the times we refused to forgive others; for the times we resisted Your leading and did not listen to Your voice. We acknowledge these sins with You and renounce them so that we can turn and walk in Your ways in the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Assurance of God's Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.

The General Prayer

The Hymn No. 706 *Jesus Lives, and So Shall I* JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT
(*stanza 1—choir; stanzas 2-5—congregation*)

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem *Zion's Walls* Aaron Copland; arr. Glenn Koponen

 Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers,
 Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion?
We'll shout and go round, we'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

The Prayer of Illumination

† The Old Testament Lesson Leviticus 19:9-18 (Page 124 in the Pew Bible)
† The New Testament Lesson Romans 13:8-14 (Page 1206 in the Pew Bible)

† The Response

Minister: All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

People: The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.

† The Hymn No. 642

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

(stanzas 1, 2, 5)

Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.

Following the worship service, please pick up your four-year-olds from the Children's Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).

Five-year-olds may be picked up from Room E-212.

The Sermon

THE NEW LIFE OF LOVE

Mr. Curles

Exposition of Romans — LI

Romans 13:8-14

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A detailed sermon outline can be found inside the morning announcements.

The Closing Prayer

† The Recessional Hymn No. 580 *Lead On, O King Eternal*

LANCASHIRE

† The Benediction of God's Grace and The Congregation's AMEN

Minister: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly.
And may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

People: AMEN.

The Postlude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Jeffrey Penn Johnson



The Sanctuary Flowers

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF THE WEDDING OF**

*Mary Augusta Slawson and John Preston Hill
on June 16, 2018.*

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and on earth derives its meaning. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. —**EPHESIANS 3:14-19**

DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER, on this Father's Day, it's an unparalleled joy to acknowledge that You are the Father we've always longed for and needed. Thank you for our loving and engaged fathers who have been a wonderful hint of what it means to be Your beloved children; but they could *never* be to us what You alone can be. And our most broken and irresponsible fathers cannot rob our hearts of the joys we find in knowing You and crying, Abba, Father.

Thank you for adopting us, through the finished work of Jesus. Thank you for freeing us from our slavery to sin and our orphan-like ways; and for giving us the Spirit of Sonship, a secure place in Your family, and an inheritance that can never spoil or fade, kept in heaven for us. Thank you for promising to complete the work You began in us, and for always, and only, disciplining us in love, even when it hurts.

Father, thank you for grace You give to forgive our earthly fathers who failed us, including those who broke our trust, hurt us, and misrepresented You to us. Continue to heal us and free us from the lingering effects.

And thank you for grace to acknowledge our failings as parents, and for promising us the strength we need to humble ourselves before our children, and to trust You to write stories of redemption in our families. Please do so, Father, to Your glory.

Lastly, Father, we thank you for the spiritual fathers You've given us—the "dads of grace" who help us discover more and more of the multi-dimensional love of Christ. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus' merciful and mighty Name.



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