



February 7, 2021

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING

Darren Cushman Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Sell

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Italian Hymn"

A. Travis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the time to heed the call

People: and bear witness to God's name.

Leader: These are the days to share Christ's love

People: and become the vessels of God's Redeeming Word.

OPENING HYMN #568

Christ for the World We Sing

***Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
sinsick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.***

***Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.***

***Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God,

in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard;

in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;

and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shared. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is the One who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?

The One who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;
because God is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.

The Lord gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Worthy to be Praised

B. Smith

Holy, holy, holy. Praise our God, Almighty. Worthy and holy, Lord eternally.

Praise the Lord in the highest, praise his holy name.

Let all things that haveth a breath, just praise the Lord.

I believe in the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

I will sing, I will shout, he's worthy to be praised, to be praised.

Raise your voices high and sing to the Lord, he's worthy to be praised.

Shout Hosanna high to God for his everlasting grace.

Let the trumpets sound, let the rocks resound, our grateful voices raise!

I will sing, I will shout, he's worthy to be praised, to be praised!

Praise ye, praise ye the Lord. Join all and sing Hosanna.

Oh, let every voice sing out that he's worthy, worthy to be praised.

He's worthy to be praised, to be praised.

Sing and shout Hosanna praise His holy name.

Let's all praise Him in the highest, let's all praise the Lord.

Worthy, he is worthy, my God is worthy.

I believe in the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

I will sing, I will shout, he's worthy to be praised, to be praised!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 147:1-11

Amy Sell

Leader: Praise the Lord!

How good to sing praises to our God!

How delightful and how fitting!

**People: The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem
and bringing the exiles back to Israel.**

Leader: God heals the brokenhearted
and bandages their wounds.

**People: God counts the stars
and calls them all by name.**

Leader: How great is our Lord whose power is absolute,
whose understanding is beyond comprehension!

**People: The Lord supports the humble,
but brings the wicked down into the dust.**

Leader: Sing out your thanks to the Lord;
sing praises to our God with a harp,
who covers the heavens with clouds,
provides rain for the earth,
and makes the grass grow in mountain pastures.

**People: God gives food to the wild animals
and feeds the young ravens when they cry.**

Leader: The Lord takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse
or in human might.

**People: No, the Lord's delight is in those who fear God,
and put their hope in God's unfailing love.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #463

Lord, Speak to Me

***Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou has sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.***

***O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.***

***O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy Sell

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am

entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Portable Proclamation

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION #413

A Charge to Keep I Have

***A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.***

***To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Festival Concerto

C. Penfield

The white carnation on the altar is in celebration of the life of Al Crandall who passed away on January 30th.

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*

Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*

John Hague & James Horton, *Audio Visual*

Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*

Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Chancel Quartet:

Kate Roberts, Amy Cuomo, Nathanael Hein & Ron Berry

The Synoptic Puzzle

Dr. Perry Kea Virtual Study

Sundays, Feb. 21-March 21

9:45-10:45 a.m.

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