

St. Andrew Worship

Sunday June 2, 2024

Rev. Julianne Porras-Center

**Stand in Body or Spirit*

Welcome and Announcement

*Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Today we gather to worship a Lord who has searched our innermost hearts, known us, and loved us.

Our God knows when we fall and when we rise.

God discerns our thoughts from far away, and even before a word is on our tongues, our God knows it completely.

God hems us in, behind and before. God lays hands loving hands upon us, even as we draw our hands together to pray this day.

Knowledge of God's love is almost too wonderful for us to understand – it is so high that we cannot attain it!

In faith, let us praise the God who formed our innermost parts, who knit us together in our mothers' wombs, who made us fearfully and wonderfully.

As we worship today, let us try to count the thoughts of the Lord, which are more than the sand, alongside our own. For God is still with us.

*Hymn 35

"Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Loving God, when you created the heaven and the earth, you called it good. And when you created each of us, you used that word again. You saw that we were, in our core, good. And yet, so often, Lord, we have fallen short of your blessing. So often, we have turned from your will, and followed our own. We withhold forgiveness from our loved ones and ourselves. We poison the earth you created with such love. We imprison hearts and minds and bodies out of fear. We cast out the foreigner. We favor security over justice. We invest in the disease rather than the cure. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us for all that we have done, and all that we have left undone. Turn our hearts from our own systems of shame and selfishness, and return our gaze to you and to our neighbors. Help us to see you in the faces of those around us. Help us to hear you amidst all the noise. Help us, in the name of the wounded one, to heal. Amen.

Assurance of Grace *(Responsive)*

We come together renewed and redeemed by the strength in our vulnerability and by the grace of our God. Know that there is nothing that you can do that can separate you from the God who made you and loves you. Hear now that you are forgiven, and heed the assurance of Christ, "In this world you will face tribulation. But take heart, for I have overcome the world."

Thanks be to God! We will take heart. We will strive toward healing.

Response: *Gloria Patri* *(Unison)*

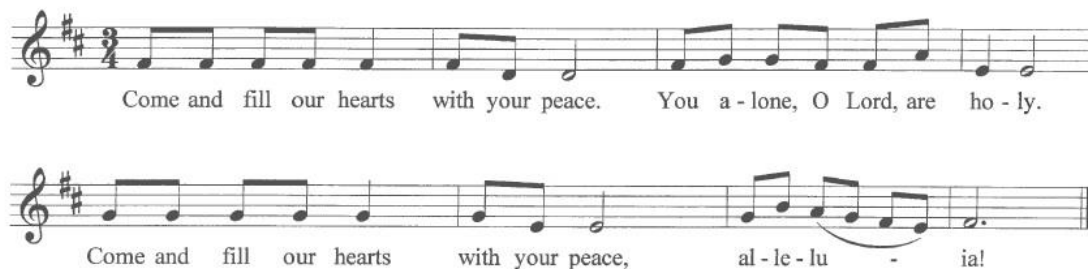
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Prayers of the People

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Song of Prayer

Come and Fill



Prayers Lifted to God

(Lord's Prayer p. 35 in Hymnal, using "debts/debtors")

*Hymn 39

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.

As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain { *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me! }

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

join with all nature in manifold witness

to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:

blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Now, may the words of our mouths and the mediations of all of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O God our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

First Lesson:

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20

(p. 247 OT)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Hold Fast

David Robinson

Lively

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5 Hold fast to the word, the life, the teach-ing, the ho-ly Gos-pel of God. Hold

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Second Lesson:

Mark 2:23-3:6

(p. 36 NT)

²³One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do

good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. "He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. "The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Sermon "Hearing God's Voice" Rev. Julianne Porras-Center

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

The Worship of God Through Giving

Call to Offering
Offertory Music Don Adkins, Piano
Doxology (Unison) No. 606
Offering Prayer (Unison)

God from whom all blessings flow, may our blessings flow from You, through our hands and hearts, and back to Your people so that they may serve Your work in this world. May You bless these gifts and those that are called to help allocate them, that they might work towards making all things new. Amen.



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All are welcome at Christ's table.  
Belief in Christ, not membership,  
offers you this loving invitation.

Invitation

We come to a table set for all peoples of the world, all tongues, all races, all children of the Spirit's fashioning. We come to a table where hungers are satisfied and thirsts are slaked, by the abundance of grace shared in parables made of grain and grape. We come, because you come, in Spirit and in power. This table is for all of us, near and far, high and low, east and west and north and south. This table is for all of us, but it is not our table. It's God's table, for all of us, and it's a table of grace. So come and take your place at the table. You are welcome, you are invited, you are called: come, let us share this meal together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive)

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*  
Lift up your hearts.  
*We lift them up to the Lord.*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*It is right for us to give thanks and praise.*

Spirit God, remind us your breath is life, and your wind is freedom. Your spirit moved across the waters, and all things came to be. Your Spirit designated leaders and stirred prophets, and Israel was led through wilderness and out of exile. Your Spirit descended

by the waters of the Jordan, and we were called to listen to the Beloved. Your Spirit calls us still,

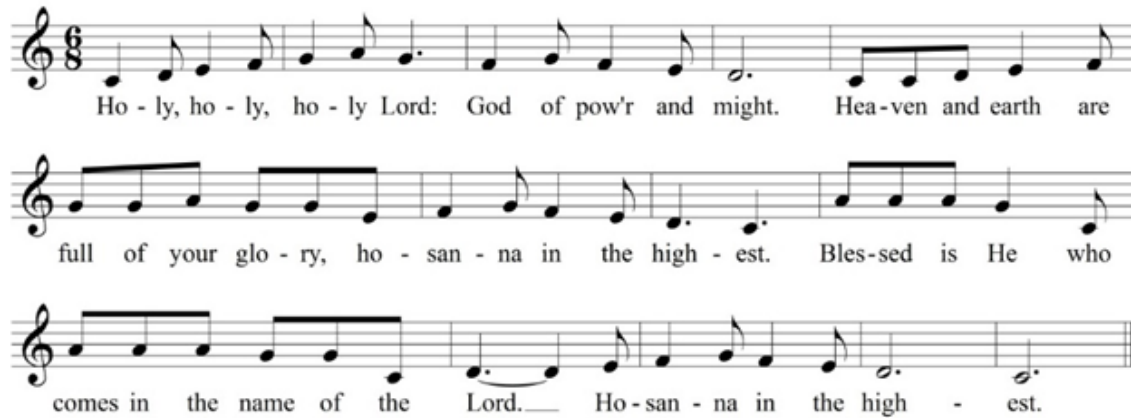
to witness,

to service,

that you might breathe life into this creation through us. Your Spirit calls us to this table, to remember by whom we are fed, to remember by whom we live. Therefore, we gladly join our voices to the song on earth and in heaven singing:

## Sanctus

Don Adkins



Breathe now upon these gifts of bread and wine, breathe now upon your people who feast on these gifts. Bless us by your Presence, fashion us individuals and a people of Spirit, and like this meal, make us into a sign and celebration of your grace. Come, Spirit. And prepare us to follow where the wind of God leads in this day. Following Christ's example let us join in praying his prayer (*The Lord's prayer on page 35*)

### Words of Institution

#### Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Let us retain the elements so we may partake together.

While the bread is being served, the congregation is invited to sing (544),

***"Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.***

***Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads us into life."***

While the cup is being served, the congregation is invited to sing (527), (*pew song sheet*)

***"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.***

***Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."***

### Closing Prayer

O Amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives and set a holy table among us, filling our plates with the bread of life and our cups with your salvation. Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness to touch an ordinary everyday world with the promise of your holiness. Amen.

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WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn 69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain { *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?*
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart. }

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

*Benediction

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins!