

4th July, 2021 9:00am Traditional Worship

Face-to-face or on zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/95468493260>, password 3199.
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For those who are on zoom or on phones:

*Please have with you a small portion of bread and a small drink of grape juice,
wine or equivalent if you would like to share in Holy Communion.*

Introit Glorious things of you are spoken (TiS 446 verse 1)

1. Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God:
he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country

Responsive Call to Worship

We talk of sovereignty and think of Monarch.
We talk of leadership and think Prime Minister,
We give respect to office held.
And yet, when it comes to who,
or what, we deign to let reign over us—
there is none but you, oh Lord.

David may have reigned over your people for 40 years,
but his story told in scripture,
is of your call to servanthood,
and includes the use and abuse of power!
Let us be willing and ready to
be inspired by your Spirit—
willing to follow where you lead.
We gather to worship you, life-giving God.

We sing: The king of love my shepherd is (TiS 145)

1. The king of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Confession **Declaration of God's grace**

Bible readings: **2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10**
 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

We sing: I, the Lord of sea and sky (TiS 658; verse 1 only)

1. 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?

Chorus
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.

Sermon: Leadership and our responses to it

We sing: We Hear, Lord, Your Promise (Tune: TiS 531)

We hear, Lord, your promise: "My grace is sufficient!"
Those few simple words brought such comfort to Paul;
And though every thorn in the flesh may be different,
We find in your message good news for us all.
Your strength is made perfect in times of our weakness,
When hardships assail us and pain comes along;
For you dwell within us and we learn your goodness —
And when we are weakest, in you we are strong.

Through all that we suffer, your grace is a blessing;
O Christ, you are with us to carry us through.
What hope you still offer when life is distressing!
You heal and forgive us, so we turn to you.
When pain is so great that we hardly can bear it,
We call on your name and we hear your love's song;

You send us the comfort and peace of your Spirit,
And when we are weakest, in you we are strong.

Biblical Reference: 2 Corinthians 12:5-10

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Offering Prayer
Notices and sharing
Prayers of the People

Invitation to Holy Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

... all creation praising your name:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!
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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Receiving Communion
Anthem: Always There

Prayer

We sing: Abide with me [tune: TIS 586]

Abide with me as I abide with you.
Branch of the vine, our lives will bear the fruit.
Your strength and power, connected we must
be,
source of all love, always abide with me.

Gardener of life, your pruning hand is strong,
take all the dead wood that I drag along,
burn all those burdens so I can be free,
renewed by grace, O God abide with me.

When life is dark and hope is hard to find
keep me secure, held strongly to the vine,
don't let me lose my way when I can't see,
through fearful storms, Jesus abide with me.

Make us be fruitful in all that we do
blessed with a joy complete, a gift from you,
blooming in love, for all the world to see.
Spirit of peace, abide with all, and me.

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The Sending Forth

God our rightful ruler and leader,
teach us how to lead, how to unite,
and, discovering that your grace is sufficient,
how to serve with love and humility.

And may God embrace us in love,
Christ empower us in our weakness,
And the Spirit's breath animate us for life.
Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Extroit: May light come into your eyes (TiS 780)

1. May light come into your eyes,
may hope spring up in your heart,
may peace guide all of your mind,
and keep you in God;
and keep you in God.