

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“To God Be the Glory”

#66

**To God be the glory—great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev’ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

**Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

Children’s Blessing

Kayely Rich

Here are the words for those who would like to follow along:

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;

From the first bright light of morning to the last warm glow of dusk;
Every breath we take is sacred, for it is God's gift to us.

In thanksgiving, let us praise him; in thanksgiving, let us sing
Songs of praise and adoration to our gracious Lord and King.

In the season of our plenty, in the season of our need;
We will find His grace sufficient, we will find His love complete.

In thanksgiving, let us praise him; in thanksgiving, let us sing
Songs of praise and adoration to our gracious Lord and King.

Safe within His hand that guides us, hidden in His healing wings;
Day by day His love provides us every good and perfect thing.

In thanksgiving, let us praise him; in thanksgiving, let us sing
Songs of praise and adoration to our gracious Lord and King.

Amen!

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Norma Holtslander

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“Love Lifted Me”

#505

**I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.**

**Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, love lifted me;
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, love lifted me.**

**All my heart to him I give, ever to him I'll cling,
In his blessed presence live, ever his praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, to him belongs.**

**Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, love lifted me;
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, love lifted me.**

**Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by his love out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows his will obey;
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.**

**Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, love lifted me;
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, love lifted me.**

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 6:1-20

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 71:1-8

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

All: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

All: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

All: Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Leader: I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge.

All: My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.

*Gloria Patri

#623

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:18-23

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Richard Hovey

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“The Solid Rock”

#404

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand—
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand—
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand—
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand—
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

“Here I Am, Lord”
(Daniel L. Schutte, arr. Jack Schrader)

Sanctuary Choir

Here are the words for those who would like to follow along:

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?

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 words to them. Whom shall I send?

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 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 'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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.

Here I am, Lord.

*Response of Praise “Praise the Lord”

**Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow,
He has washed and made me white as snow.
I’m redeemed from all my sin and shame.
Now and forever, praise his holy name!
Praise his holy name! Praise his holy name!
To God be the glory now and forever, praise his holy name!**

*Benediction

Richard Hovey

Music for Departing

Lead on O King Eternal
(Wilson)

Mark Anderson

Immediately following the Music for Departing, there will be town hall meeting. We will take some time to process together the transition in music leadership that we are currently working through. We want to pose a few questions and get some conversation going in order to gain a clearer picture of the direction our music ministry could take now. Pastor Joel and Ron Phillips, board chair, will remain in the sanctuary to facilitate this discussion. There is no obligation to stay if you need to be going. We will continue to stream on Zoom and will do our best to accommodate questions from there.