



**Celebrating
179 Years**



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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's faithful love endures forever.

Has the Lord redeemed you? Then say so!

God has redeemed us from trouble and leads us on paths of justice and righteousness.

Praise the Lord for God's steadfast love is great!

Let us praise the Lord! Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: Let All Things Now Living

VU 242

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

- 2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Opening Prayer:

O God, as we gather to worship, we join your whole creation to offer you honour and praise. We sense your glory in the grandeur of open skies and the expanding horizon. We sense your power of new life in growing gardens and growing children. Your Spirit blows through us like a fresh breeze in the breath of prayer. Fill us in this hour, O God, to renew us in our love for you and our care for your creation as we worship you as the Creating God, redeeming Son and guiding Holy Spirit. Amen.

Children's Time

Ministry of Music: Consider the Lilies, by Joel Hemphill
sung by Jeff Hawkins, accompanied by Suzanne Flewelling

Prayer of Confession:

O God, we confess we often worry about how much life costs us. We like to have much more than enough, and we hesitate to share. Forgive us when our hearts long for the security of this world, not the security of your love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace.

Scripture: Luke 12: 13-21 The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³ Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴ But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of ^[c]covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

¹⁶ Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. ¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' ¹⁸ So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry." ' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'

²¹ "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Sermon: I pray my Cuisinart to keep

Hymn: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go VU 658

- 1 O Love that wilt not let me go,
 I rest my weary soul in thee;
 I give thee back the life I owe,
 that in thine ocean depths its flow
 may richer, fuller be.

- 2 O Light that followest all my way,
 I yield my flickering torch to thee;
 my heart restores its borrowed ray,
 that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
 may brighter, fairer be.

- 3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.
- 4 O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

Joys and Concerns

- Birthdays

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Hymn: What Can I Do MV 191

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. (x2)

Offering Prayer

Parting Song: Jesus Bids Us Shine VU 568

- 1 Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 2 Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 3 Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Benediction

Postlude: Mansion over the Hilltop - by Ira Stanphill
sung by Jeff Hawkins, accompanied by Suzanne Flewelling

Welcomers: Doreen and Larry Broome

Counters: Mary Lloyd, David Gohn

Worship Schedule

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| August 10th | 9th after Pentecost | Rev. Linda Butler |
| August 17th | 10th after Pentecost | Rev. Tom Watson |
| August 24th | 11th after Pentecost | Rev. Linda Butler |
| August 31st | 12th after Pentecost | Rev. Felicia Urbanski |