

Order of Worship
October, 23, 2022

Gathering Music

God Welcomes All

(GTG #399)

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

Welcome

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Call To Worship

L: All that we are is a gift from God.

C: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

L: All that we have is a gift from God

**C: The world, and those who live in it. There are no words to describe
the wonders of God's creation.**

L: Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.

Hymn

This is My Father's World

1 This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Confession

Liturgist

Sinners we are, and sinners we will always be, except for the grace of Jesus the Christ. We are told in 1 Corinthians 4:2 that a steward must be found trustworthy. Acknowledging that in our sin we have neglected and rejected gifts that have been provided by God, let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part of ourselves for worldly pursuits.

You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving self. You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts. You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future. You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. Help us to grow in our faith so that we actively participate in your ministry using those talents, abilities, and resources you so generously provided for us. Help us to not withhold anything that we can share with others. Amen

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Barbara Macfie

The love of God is indeed from everlasting to everlasting. And because of this I can with full confidence say to you that we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

**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.**

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

God, one of the great gifts that you have shared with us is your word. Open our hearts and minds as the scriptures are read and the message is proclaimed. Help us to hear, with anticipation, what you have to say, and give us a sense of urgency to share it with others. Amen.

Reading from Genesis 1: 1-5

Liturgist

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning — the first day.

Reading from 1 Peter 4:8-11

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Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful

stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **GTG #366 (v 1)**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Sermon *"Expressions of Worship"* *Rev. Barbara Macfie*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith: *Rev. Barbara Macfie*

We say together in faith holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. We believe in God the Father, who created all things: for by his will they were created and have their being. We believe in God the Son, who was slain: for with his blood, he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation. We believe in God the Holy Spirit: the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

(New Patterns for Worship, and throughout Common Worship:
<http://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/worship/texts/newpatterns/contents/sectione.aspx>)

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer *Rev. Barbara Macfie*

Invitation To The Offertory *Liturgist*

Luke 12:48 reminds us “From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.” Let us be faithful stewards of the time, talent, and money that God has provided.

Offertory

The Potter's Hand

Bless Thou the Gifts

Bless Thou the gifts our hands have brought;
Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned;
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Thy hand. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Liturgist

Loving God, you have given us life and freedom. Everything we have and everything that we are is a gift from you. You call us to be stewards of this gift. As caretakers of all that you have provided, we give back now. We dedicate these gifts to you. Bless these tithes and offerings. Help us to always use your gifts wisely. Lead us as we share them generously with others. Help our faithful stewardship to show Christ to others. We pray these things in the name of our Messiah, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

HYMN O Lord, Thou Art My God and King (Tune: Duke Street)

O Lord, Thou art my God and King, And I will ever bless Thy name;
I will extol Thee every day, And evermore Thy praise proclaim.
Upon Thy glorious majesty and wondrous works my mind shall dwell;
Thy deeds shall fill the world with awe, and of Thy greatness I will tell.
Thy matchless goodness and Thy grace thy people shall commemorate,
And all Thy truth and righteousness my joyful song shall celebrate.

Benediction

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Postlude

Steve Johnson