

Order of Worship for October, 30, 2022

Gathering Music Shout to the North GTG #319

Men of faith rise up and sing of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete

Chorus

Shout to the North and the South. Sing to the East and the West
Jesus is savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth. Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power of our awesome King of love. (Chorus)

We've been through fire. We've been through rain
We've been refined by the power of your name
We've fallen deeper in love with you. You've burned the truth on our lips

Rise up church with broken wings. Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high, by his grace again we'll fly. (Chorus)

Welcome

Rev Barbara Macfie

Call To Worship (Based on Isaiah 6A:8-9)

L: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,

C: Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

L: And I said, "Here I am, send me!"

C: And he said, "Go..."

L: Lord, we have said we will go. Please give us the courage to stand for you,

C: to break the chains of injustice,

L: to proclaim your Good News.

Hymn

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

GTG #69

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

All who dwell in deepest 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.

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? (chorus)

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? (chorus)

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Confession

Liturgist

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers.

Prayer of Confession. (Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.)

**Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer. We come before you in need of healing:
The healing of our bodies and souls, the healing of our relationships, the healing of our pride and fear and apathy.**

**We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing, not even the restoration of the whole world.
We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world, so that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,
as Christ calls us. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Rev Barbara Macfie

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia! Amen.

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

O Lord our God, Let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading from Genesis 12: 1-3

Liturgist

“Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed”

Reading from Romans 10:13-15, 21-11:1, 5,6

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” [a] How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” [b] But concerning Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people.” [a] I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin.. . .So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GTG #475

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Sermon

“Go And Find As We Have Been Found”

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith:

Rev Barbara Macfie

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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Invitation To The Offertory

Liturgist

Offertory

I invite you once again to give generously as we worship God through the sharing of our gifts, tithes, and offering.

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

Gracious and holy God, accept what we offer today: our checks and cash, our faltering steps, our brokenness, our leftovers, our hope, our risking, our lives. Bless and transform all that we offer and all that we hold back, that new life may be ours, to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn **Go to the World! GTG #295**

Go to the world! Go into all the earth; Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place; Go live the word of God's redeeming grace;
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; The nights of tears give way to joyful day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Go to the World! Go as the ones I send, For I am with you till the age shall end,

When all the host of glory cry, “Amen.” Alleluia, Alleluia.

Benediction

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Postlude