

Sunday, April 25, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.



ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Récit de tierce en taille"

Nicolas De Grigny Stephen Boda

OPENING HYMN

No. 291 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Royal Oak

[Refrain:]
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love. God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings: [Refrain]

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky: [Refrain]

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. [Refrain]

The rocky mountain splendour, the lone wolf's haunting call, the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall; [Refrain]

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God our maker, who has made all things well. [Refrain]

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Christ has been raised from the dead and has now the

preeminence over all things.

All: He is at God's right hand, above every other power in this

world and the next.

Minister: Let us worship the Risen, the Living, the Almighty God,

All: Who calls each of us to receive and to carry with hope the

Word of life. All glory to God!

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, Saviour of the weak and of the strong, we confess that without exception, we have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Christ Jesus. We have rushed in where we should have gone gently; we have stood on the sidelines when we should have been on the playing field. For our successes we have looked for too much praise; and in our failures we have accepted too little responsibility. At the expense of others, we have sought what we thought was happiness. We have failed to exercise true generosity wherein is found profound happiness. We, who should be best friends with ourselves, are often our own worse enemies. Now we turn to you for reproof, forgiveness, correction and courage. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE KYRIE

Minister: Lord have mercy upon us;

All: Christ have mercy upon us;

Minister: Lord have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

"Faithful One"

Dan Bevan-Baker, Chris Reesor (drums), Elaine Choi (piano)

Faithful One so unchanging ageless One You're my Rock of peace. Lord of all I depend on You, I call out to You again and again. I call out to You again and again. You are my Rock in times of trouble. You lift me up when I fall down. All through the storm Your love is the anchor. My hope is in You alone. My hope is in You; My hope is in You:

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-8

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know

the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling "Keep Going!"

ANTHEM

"Open the Eyes of My Heart/Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Hayes

Brittany King, Kelly King (piano)

Open our eyes Lord; we want to see Jesus to reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him. Open our ears Lord and Help us to listen. Open our eyes Lord; we want to see Jesus. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me save that thou art thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord. Thou my great Father and I Thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one. Open our eyes Lord; we want to see Jesus.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

CLOSING HYMN

No. 232 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, life and love; hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Hymn to Joy

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays, stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Finale Jubilante"

Healey Willan Stephen Boda

NEXT WEEK:

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE LIVESTREAM

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling preaching
"I'll Let You into a Secret"

from Colossians 1:24-29

