

10:00 A.M.

September 27, 2020

Welcome! God's blessings to all who worship with us today! May God's Spirit fill your hearts with joy and peace as we worship.

A Prayer of Preparation for Worship

"The whole universe sings of your glory, O God. Seedtime speaks of the hope that you have in creation. Harvest announces the fruitfulness of the land. The changing seasons proclaim an orderly pattern of life. It's a beautiful world, O God, filled with challenges and opportunities. Help us to see your presence in all of this. Amen."

Order of Worship

Prelude: "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Becki Slagle Mayo
Dan Chien, Organist

Call to Worship Pastor Alisha Riepma

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People: Sing the glory of his name;

Leader: Give to him glorious praise.

People: All the earth worships you;

Leader: They sing praises to you,

People: Sing praises to your name.

* Hymn: "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

* Prayer of Invocation

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God, You made us in your image,

With a mind to know you,

A heart to love you,

And a will to serve you.

But our knowledge is imperfect,

Our love inconsistent,

Our obedience incomplete.

Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.

In your tender love, forgive us.

... (silent prayer) Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Response: ***"Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!"***

Assurance of Pardon & Summary of the Law

* Hymn: "For Beauty of Meadows"

Scripture: Matthew 21:23-32 Rev. Rich Dykstra

Sermon: "Let Your Actions Match Your Words"

* The Affirmation (in Unison)

My only comfort in life and in death is

That I am not my own, but belong--

Body and soul,

In life and in death--

To my faithful savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,

And has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way

That not a hair can fall from my head

Without the will of God in heaven:

In fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,

Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

Assures me of eternal life

And makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready

From now on to live for him.

Offertory

* Offertory Prayer

* Doxology

Prayers of Intercession

* Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

* Benediction

Postlude: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

. arr. Lloyd Larson