

- 3 Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work
and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who out of love will befriend us.

- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again:
gladly with praise we adore him.

- **Prayer of Approach**

God of love and source of all life,
we give thanks for this day and for your transforming love that we seek to live out.
When we are aware of limits and hesitation, you assure us that with you all things are possible.
When we measure ourselves according to worldly values, you call us to a higher standard
of behaviour and effort. We come to this service with praise and gratitude. With eagerness we
join the body of your people throughout the world, committing ourselves to being part of the
unfolding of your realm. We are eager to be a part of that unfolding as citizens of our nation
and as world citizens. We pray in confidence, recalling the promise extended through Jesus,
the Christ. Amen.

[Adapted from a prayer by Joanna MacQuarrie, 1998, in Worship for All Seasons II, page 213. Used with permission]

Scripture Lesson: Galatians 5:13-25 (Cathie Stewart Savage)
Luke 9:51-62 (told orally, not read)

Herein is wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: O Rest in the Lord Felix Mendessohn
Emily Burnett - Soloist

Sermon: "Priorities"

- **Chorus: "What Does the Lord Require of You?"** VU 701

- 1 What does the Lord require of you?
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- 2 Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.

- 3 To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God

Time of Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Life-giving Spirit,

bring to the bones of these gifts the flesh of our actions and the breath of our caring, that our church and our service to others may come to life in your name. Amen.

Call to Prayer “Seek Ye First the Kin(g)dom of God”

VU 356

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 3 We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

- **Prayers of the People**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father (and Mother), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin(g)dom 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 kin(g)dom, the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

- **Hymn** “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

VU 120

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
- 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.

- **Commissioning and Blessing**

- **Sung Amen**

(The light of Christ goes before us into the world)

Postlude