



SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 3, 2022 9:00 am

“In the long run, there can be no joy for anybody until there is joy finally for us all.”
--Rev. Frederick Buechner

Chimes and Prelude

Largo from the New World Symphony
Antonin Dvorak

*Call to Worship

People of God, whom do you come to worship?

We come to worship the one true God.

How do we worship?

Not with words alone, but in the fullness of our lives.

Come, you who belong to God.

**Come and abide in God’s tent and in God’s heart,
now and forever.**

*Hymn # 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, too often we desire to look wise in the world’s eyes.

We turn from truth,

say and do hurtful things,

and forget our true identity as your followers.

We wander into ways that are not yours,

losing the paths of true worship.

**Forgive us for those times when we confess your name
without also answering your invitation.**

Help us to be the people you have called us to be:

people of love and truth, of justice and humility.

In your name we ask this. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

God's love embraces us
even when we fall short of what God desires
for our lives and actions.
Know that the God of blessing
loves and forgives us with a deep tenderness.

In believing this, may our lives be transformed. Amen.

*Response

Meineke

**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.**

Passing of the Peace

As Passing of the Peace concludes, children are invited to meet their teachers at the back of the Sanctuary for VBS. Parents can pick their children up at 10:30 in Social Hall (ground floor).

Welcome & Ministry Updates

First Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-7, 11b-13

Special music

Andantino
Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Old 100th

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in your presence. Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, that as the Scripture is read and proclaimed we may learn how to live as your people. Open our hearts to your spirit of truth, that we might hear with challenge, comfort, and joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-11

Sermon

“The Pursuit of Happiness... or Joy?”

Sharon Browning, Esq.

*Affirmation of Faith

Selections from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn # 354

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

*Blessing and Response

Postlude

**You are invited to stand as you desire.*

Leading us in worship today are Sharon Browning, Esq., guest preacher; Rev. Caroline Cupp, Executive Pastor; Ellen Endslow, liturgist; Marci Major, Children’s Choir Director; Adriana Park, violin; Sofia Bobrysheva, cantor.