

With the whole creation we join the song:

***“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”***

He has made us a kingdom of priests
to serve our God,

and we will reign on earth.

God will be all in all,
righteousness and peace will flourish,
everything will be made new,
and every eye will see at last that
our world belongs to God.

Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus!

***SHOUT TO THE LORD**

Bev Schneider

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My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You;

All of my days I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;

Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing

Power and majesty, praise to the King;

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.

Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Peter Little

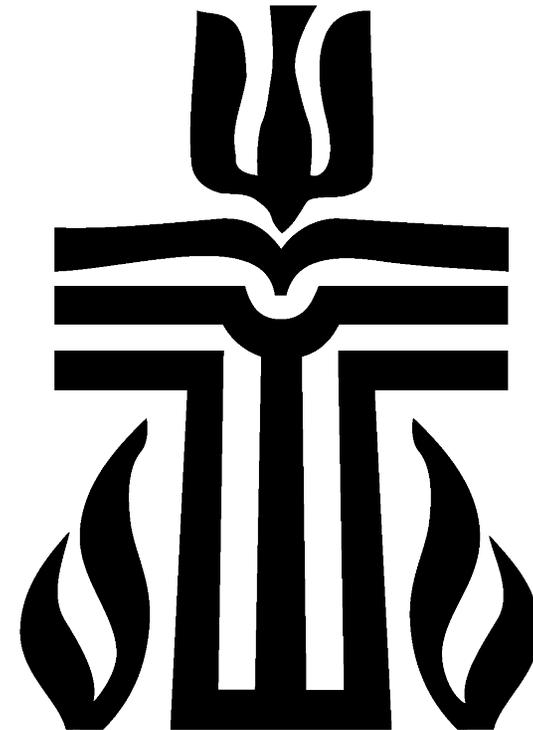
POSTLUDE

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THE GRAND STORY

IN WHICH WE
LIVE & MOVE & HAVE OUR BEING

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peter Little

*WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP

As followers of Jesus Christ,
living in this world—
which some seek to control,
and others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust:

Our world belongs to God!

From the beginning,
through all the crises of our times,
until the kingdom fully comes,
God keeps covenant forever:

Our world belongs to God!

God is King: ***Let the earth be glad!***

Christ is victor: ***his rule has begun!***

The Spirit is at work: ***creation is renewed!***

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

*PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Praise Him in glad adoration. Praise Him!

Praise to the Lord, Who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been

Granted in what He ordaineth.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

If with His love He befriend thee.

The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.

With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom toward those who love your name.
Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.
Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.
Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

[selections from Psalm 119]

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A NEW CREATION

Rev. Peter Little

We long for that day
when our bodies are raised,
the Lord wipes away our tears,
and we dwell forever in the presence of God.
We will take our place in the new creation,
where there will be no more death
or mourning or crying or pain,
and the Lord will be our light.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

On that day
we will see our Savior face to face,
sacrificed Lamb and triumphant King,
just and gracious.
He will set all things right,
judge evil, and condemn the wicked.

***We face that day without fear,
for the Judge is our Savior,
whose shed blood declares us righteous.***

We live confidently, anticipating his coming,
offering him our daily lives—our acts of kindness,
our loyalty, and our love—
knowing that he will weave even our sins and sorrows
into his sovereign purpose.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

***COME, HOLY SPIRIT**

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Come, as a wisdom to children,
Come, as new sight to the blind,
Come, Lord, as strength to my weakness,
Take me; soul, body and mind.

Come, Holy Spirit, I need You,
Come, sweet Spirit, I pray;
Come, in Your strength and Your power,
Come, in Your own gentle way.

Come, as a rest to the weary,
Come, as a balm for the sore,
Come, as a dew to my dryness;
Fill me with joy evermore.

Come, like a spring in the desert,
Come, to the withered of soul;
O, let Thy sweet healing power,
Touch me and make me whole.

WE ARE GIVEN THE WORD OF GOD Larry Kleinbrook

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edge sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

[Hebrews 4:12-13]

My soul languishes for your salvation;
I hope in your word.
The LORD exists forever;
your word is firmly fixed in heaven.
Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.
Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

Bev Schneider

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever we adore Him. (repeat)

**WE ARE GIVEN THE PEACE OF CHRIST
TO EXTEND TO OTHERS**

Rev. Peter Little

WE ARE CALLED TO CONFESS

Scott Hubbard

Despair and rebellious pride fill the earth:
some, crushed by failure or broken by pain,
give up on life and hope and God;
others, shaken,
but still hoping for human triumph,
work feverishly to realize their dreams.
As believers in God,
we also struggle with the spirits of this age,
resisting them in the power of the Spirit,
testing them by God's sure Word.
Our world, fallen into sin,
has lost its first goodness,
but God has not abandoned the work of his hands:
our Maker preserves this world,
sending seasons, sun, and rain,
upholding all creatures,
renewing the earth,
promising a Savior,
guiding all things to their purpose.
As we confess in this moment of silence, remind us, Lord, that we
belong to you...
(you are invited to silently confess your sin to God)
Amen.

WE ARE FORGIVEN IN CHRIST

Ava Hubbard

God holds this world with fierce love.
Keeping his promise,
he sends Jesus into the world,
pours out the Holy Spirit,
and announces the good news:

*sinner who repents and believes in Jesus
live anew as members of the family of God—
the firstfruits of a new creation.*

Believe the good news!

In Christ we are forgiven and being made whole.

***WE ARE CALLED TO HOLINESS**

Scott Hubbard

We rejoice in the goodness of God,
renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

As covenant partners,
set free for joyful obedience,
*we offer our hearts and lives
to do God's work in the world.*

With tempered impatience,
eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.

We are confident that the light
which shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Our world belongs to you.

***TAKE MY LIFE**

Bev Schneider

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Holiness, holiness is what I long for,
Holiness is what I need.

Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Take my heart and form it,
Take my mind transform it,
Take my will conform it
To Yours, to Yours, oh, Lord.

Faithfulness, faithfulness, is what I long for,
Faithfulness is what I need.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me.

Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for,
Righteousness is what I need.

Righteousness, righteousness is what You want from me.

Raleigh: The Spirit renews our hearts
and moves us to faith,
leads us into truth,
and helps us to pray,
stands by us in our need,
and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.

Linda: God the Spirit lavishes gifts on the church
in astonishing variety—
prophecy, encouragement, healing,
teaching, service, tongues, discernment—
equipping each member to build up the body of Christ
and to serve our neighbors.

Raleigh: The Spirit gathers people
from every tongue, tribe, and nation
into the unity of the body of Christ.

Linda: Anointed and sent by the Spirit,
the church is thrust into the world,
as ambassadors of God's peace,
announcing forgiveness and reconciliation,
proclaiming the good news of grace.

Raleigh: Going before them and with them,
the Spirit convinces the world of sin
and pleads the cause of Christ.
Men and women, impelled by the Spirit,
go next door and far away
into science and art,
media and marketplace—
every area of life, pointing to the reign of God
with what they do and say.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
& THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Alice Cunningham

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.

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world, by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

WE ARE GIVEN THE SPIRIT OF GOD

(Linda Goodhue and Raleigh Conner)

Linda: At Pentecost, promises old and new are fulfilled.
The ascended Jesus becomes the baptizer,
drenching his followers with his Spirit,
creating a new community
where Father, Son, and Holy Spirit make their home.
Revived and filled with the breath of God,
our women and men, young and old,
dream dreams and see visions.

WE ARE AGENTS OF GOD'S REIGN

Made in God's image
to live in loving communion with our Maker,
we are appointed earthkeepers and caretakers
to tend the earth, enjoy it,
and love our neighbors.
God uses our skills
for the unfolding and well-being of his world
so that creation and all who live in it may flourish.
***Together, male and female,
single and married,
young and old—
every hue and variety of humanity—
we are called to represent God,
for the Lord God made us all.***

Even now, as history unfolds
in ways we know only in part,
***we are assured
that God is with us in our world,
holding all things in tender embrace
and bending them to his purpose.***
The confidence that the Lord is faithful
gives meaning to our days
and hope to our years.
***The future is secure,
for our world belongs to God.***

WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO JESUS CHRIST

(At this time, the ushers are invited to receive our tithes/offerings)

WE ARE CALLED TO BE A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

(Aronson family)

Jorn: The Lord promised to be God
to Abraham, Sarah, and their children,
calling them to walk faithfully before him
and blessing the nations through them.

Sadie: God chose Israel to show the glory of his name,
the power of his love,
and the wisdom of his ways.

The Lord gave them the law through Moses
and led them by rulers and teachers,
shaping a people
in whom God is revealed—
a light to the nations.

Jane: When Israel spurned God's love—
lusting after other gods,
trusting in power and wealth,
and hurting the weak—
God scattered them among the nations,
yet kept a faithful remnant
and promised them the Messiah:
a prophet to speak good news,
a king to crush evil and rule the earth with justice,
a priest to be sacrificed for sinners.

Anna: God promised to forgive their sins
and give them a new heart and a new spirit,
moving them to walk in his ways.

***YOU ALONE CAN RESCUE**

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Who, O Lord, could save themselves,
Their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea.
Your grace is deeper still.

And You alone can rescue, You alone can save.
You alone can lift us from the grave.
You came down to find us, led us out of death.
To You alone belongs the highest praise.

You, O Lord, have made a way.
The great divide, You healed.
For when our hearts were far away,
Your love went further still.
Yes, Your love goes further still.

We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes.
You're the giver of life.
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes.
You're the giver of life.

WE ARE GIVEN A SAVIOR

Remembering the promise
to reconcile the world to himself,
God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ—
the eternal Word made flesh.
He is the long-awaited Messiah,
one with us and one with God,
fully human and fully divine,
conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

As the second Adam,
Jesus chose the path we had rejected.
In his baptism and temptations,
teaching and miracles,
battles with demons
and friendships with sinners,
Jesus lived a full and righteous human life before us.
As God's true Son,
he lovingly obeyed the Father
and made present in deed and word
the coming rule of God.
***The future is secure,
for our world belongs to God.***

Jesus ascended in triumph,
raising our humanity to the heavenly throne.
All authority, glory, and sovereign power
are given to him.
There he hears our prayers
and pleads our cause before the Father.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

***IN CHRIST ALONE**

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In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,

Cary Cooper

Bev Schneider