

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

January 24, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP

From God comes my salvation.

For God alone my soul waits in silence.

God alone is my rock and my salvation.

God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No. 464

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us pour out our hearts before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you.
You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSON

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the word of the Lord: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven by God and given new life. **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly and joyfully giving a portion of what has already been given to us.

You may mail your offering to the church office, or you may give online through our website, cazpres.org.

DOXOLOGY

No. 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Merciful God, you have saved us for a purpose. We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you, that you will make us fishers of people.

HYMN**“O for a World”
(verses 1, 3 & 5)**

1 O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

3 We welcome one world family
And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity
And gives our vision choice.

5 O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more,
And all but love will cease.

No. 386**OLD TESTAMENT: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 4:1**

3 The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, **2** “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” **3** So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. **4** Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” **5** And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. **10** When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. **4** But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us your word, O God, that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples.

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

29 I mean, brothers and sisters, ¹ the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, **30** and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, **31** and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

SERMON**“The Goal of God's Word”**

1 Today we are all called to be
Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captives free,
make Plowshare out of sword
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first,
Our ease and comfort last.

3 Pray justice may come rolling down
As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town
To cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for
A harmony of peace.

4 May we in service to our God
Act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
Till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
Give thanks in one accord
To God who call us all to be
Disciples of the Lord.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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