

# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

February 7, 2021

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

**Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

**they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

they shall run and not be weary;

**they shall walk and not faint.**

Let us worship God!

## HYMN

“God of the Sparrow”

No. 272

1. God of the sparrow, God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise
2. God of the earthquake, God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save
3. God of the rainbow, God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks
4. God of the hungry, God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life
5. God of the Neighbor, God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace
6. God of the ages, God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

## CALL TO CONFESSION

We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God. Therefore let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds. God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Let us give thanks to God by giving our tithes and offerings.

*You may mail your offering to the church office, or you may give online through our website, [cazpres.org](http://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

We sing to you, God, with thanksgiving, making melody to you with our praise. Use these gifts to spread your gospel near and far, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**HYMN** "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" No. 314

1 Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
Like the challenge of her flight,  
Like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
Like the new flame's eager might:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

2 To the members of Christ's Body,  
To the branches of the Vine,  
To the church in faith assembled,  
To her midst as gift and sign:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

3 With the healing of division,  
With the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
With the power of love and witness,  
With the peace beyond compare:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy God, speak to us what has been spoken from the beginning,  
your Word – the source of life, the foundation of the world.  
Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Isaiah 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the  
earth?

<sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup> who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
<sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

**NEW TESTAMENT:** First Corinthians 9:16-23

<sup>16</sup> If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup> For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**SERMON** "The Uses of Knowledge"

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People**

**Prayer After Communion**

**HYMN** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" No. 429  
(verses 1, 2 &4)

1 Lord, you give the great commission:  
"Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
And the gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose  
With renewed integrity;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:  
"In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise,  
Life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us  
Closer in community;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
"Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
All that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
To a just society:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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