

Welcome to Worship

Sharing life in Christ with each other and our neighbors September 19, 2021

Prelude

Sing Praise to God (#572, verses 1 - 4)

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills: to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made, in mercy he is keeping; by morning glow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping.

And where he rules in kingly might, there all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace, and joy, and blessing; as with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
and came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
who is by one and all adored:
to God all praise and glory!
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Welcome & Announcements

Focus

As a local church in Salt Lake City, we have often been privileged to have University students join us for worship. How do we see the university? Does God move even in secular academic institutions? As Christians how do we relate to the university?

Confession

(Reading Together)

God, we are proud. We find it hard to see ourselves as dependent parts of one body. We need each other and yet we strive to be sufficient unto ourselves, needing no one. We disapprove of those who are different from us and belittle others. Forgive us, God, for our blindness. Enable us to see how much we need others. May we see your power and grace at work in those who are different from us.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader:

God is able to open our eyes and make us see the breadth and wonder of his worldwide kingdom. He forgives us for our short sighted-ness and enables us to be new people awake to his wonders.

All:

Thanks be to God!

We Greet Each Other

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians chapter 12 verses 12 - 27

We are your People (#248)

We are your people, Spirit of grace; you dare to make us to all our neighbors Christ's living voice, hands, and face; Christ's living voice, hands, and face.

Joined in community, treasured and fed, may we discover gifts in each other, willing to lead and be led; willing to lead and be led.

Rich in diversity, help us to live closer than neighbors, open to strangers, able to clash and forgive; able to clash and forgive.

Spirit, unite us; make us, by grace, willing and ready, Christ's living body, loving the whole human race; loving the whole human race.

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We Are Called (#296)

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more.

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

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I Come with Joy (#533)

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one. Words: Brian Wren, 1970, © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-739307

Children's Song:

I Am The Church

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, All around the world! Yes we're the church together!

The church is not a building,
The church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place,
The church is a people.
I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
All around the world!
Yes we're the church together!

We're many kinds of people,
With many kinds of faces,
All colors and all ages, too,
From all times and places.
I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
All around the world!
Yes we're the church together!

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Presenting Our Gifts to God

Congregational Prayer

Message: "Engaging Campus in a Good Way" Chasen Robbins

The Lord's Supper Litany:

Pastor: In the Lord's Supper, Christ offers his own crucified body and shed blood to his people, assuring them a share in his death and resurrection. By the Holy Spirit, he feeds us with his resurrection life and binds us to each other as we share one loaf and cup.

People: We receive this food gladly, believing, as we eat, that Jesus is our life-giving food and drink and that he will come again to call us to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Parting Blessing

Sing Praise to God (#572, verse 5)

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and he alone: to God all praise and glory!
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