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Come and Worship the Lord

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Today's Lay Reader: Barbara Sabath

We are blessed to have Lisa Whitaker with us in worship this morning!

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come, ready to experience the goodness of God!**

Leader: What shall we give to the Lord for all that God has given to us?

People: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Prelude

Ave Verum

Charles Gounod

Hymn

God of the Ages

Trumpets, before each stanza

1. God of the a - ges, whose al-might-y hand
 2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
 3. From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes-ti - lence,
 4. Re-fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some way;

leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
 be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy Word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Opening Prayer

Lord, thank you for waking us up this morning! Thank you for calling us to the sanctuary and to our screens to connect with you and your people. We thank you for the things that lift us up, and we give to you the things that weigh us down. Almighty God, equip us, strengthen us and then send us to do the work you are calling us to do! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

He Is Lord

(sing twice)

He is Lord, he is Lord!
He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

Men's Chorus

I Feel the Spirit

arr. Don Besig

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

2 Kings 6:8-23

Once when the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he took counsel with his officers. He said, "At such and such a place shall be my camp." But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, "Take care not to pass this place, for the Arameans are going down there." The king of Israel sent word to the place of which the man of God spoke. More than once or twice he warned a place so that it was on the alert.

The mind of the king of Aram was greatly perturbed because of this; he called his officers and said to them, "Now tell me: Who among us is betraying us to the king of Israel?" Then one of his officers said, "No one, my lord king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber." He said, "Go and find where he is; I will send and seize him." He was told, "He is in Dothan." So he sent horses and chariots there and a great army; they came by night and surrounded the city.

When an attendant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. His servant said, "Alas, master! What shall we do?" He replied, "Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them." Then Elisha prayed, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So the Lord opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. When the Arameans came down against him, Elisha prayed to the Lord and said, "Strike this people, please, with blindness." So he struck them with blindness as Elisha had asked. Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, and this is not the city; follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he led them to Samaria.

As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, "O Lord, open the eyes of these men so that they may see." The Lord opened their eyes, and they saw that they were inside Samaria. When the king of Israel saw them he said to Elisha, "Father, shall I strike them? Shall I strike them?" He answered, "No! Would you strike those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink, and let them go to their master." So he prepared for them a great feast; after they ate and drank, he sent them on their way, and they went to their master. And the Arameans no longer came raiding into the land of Israel.

Message *Two Fish and a Bottle of Water* Lisa Whitaker

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Song without Words Eric H. Thiman

Doxology Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn Jesus Is All the World to Me (*verses 1, 2, and 4*)

1. Je - sus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;
2. Je - sus is all the world to me, my friend in tri - als sore;
3. Je - sus is all the world to me, and true to him I'll be;
4. Je - sus is all the world to me, I want no bet - ter friend;

he is my strength from day to day, with -
I go to him for bless - ings, and he
O how could I this friend de - ny, when
I trust him now, I'll trust him when life's

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus Is All the World to Me". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the continuation of the lyrics: "he is my strength from day to day, with - I go to him for bless - ings, and he O how could I this friend de - ny, when I trust him now, I'll trust him when life's".

out him I would fall. When I am sad, to
 gives them o'er and o'er. He sends the sun - shine
 he's so true to me? Fol - low - ing him I
 fleet - ing days shall end. Beau - ti - ful life with

 him I go, no oth - er one can cheer me so;
 and the rain, he sends the har - vest's gold - en grain;
 know I'm right, he watch - es o'er me day and night;
 such a friend, beau - ti - ful life that has no end;

Benediction**Postlude**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Greg Sewell

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