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# Come and Worship the Lord

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Today's Lay Reader: Carol McMahon

#### 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 to worship, to pray and to encounter God

together!

Leader: We have a choice to make. Will we live by the flesh, or by the

Spirit?

People: Living by the flesh focuses on ourselves and our own

wants. Living by the Spirit focuses on God. The choice

should be clear. We will focus on God!

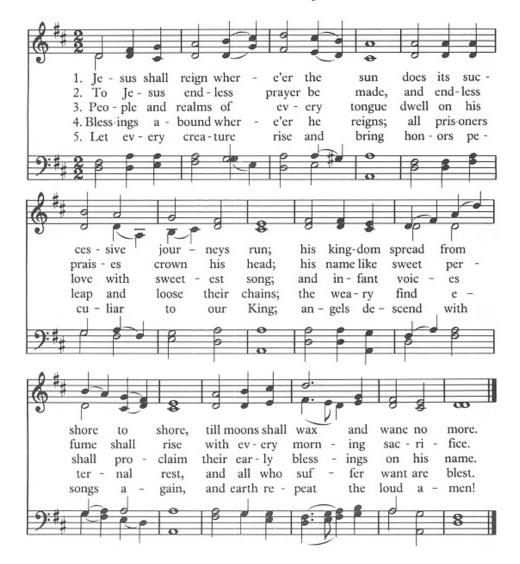
Prelude

Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow

Lani Smith

#### Hymn

## Jesus Shall Reign



#### **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. Help us to live as the Spirit guides us, and now how our own desires guide us. Almighty God, equip us, strengthen us and then send us! Amen.

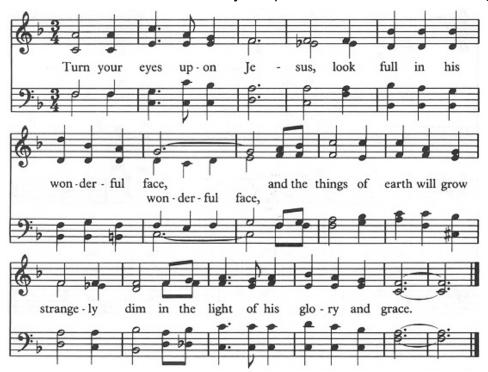
# **Pastoral Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer



#### Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

(sing twice)



## Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

#### **Scripture Lesson**

Galatians 5:13-25

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Solo – Karen Hanko

You're Always There

Pepper Choplin

Message

Flesh vs. Spirit

#### Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Prelude on "New Britain"

Peter Pindar Stearns

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

Victory in Jesus





# Benediction

PostludePrelude in A MinorJ.S. Bach