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Invitation Accepted

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Today's Lay Reader: Barb Sabath

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 our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, together!**

Leader: We come, confident in God's presence among us!

People: **Our faith is a testament to that confidence. We know God is with us. We know God loves us. We know God is guiding our Church.**

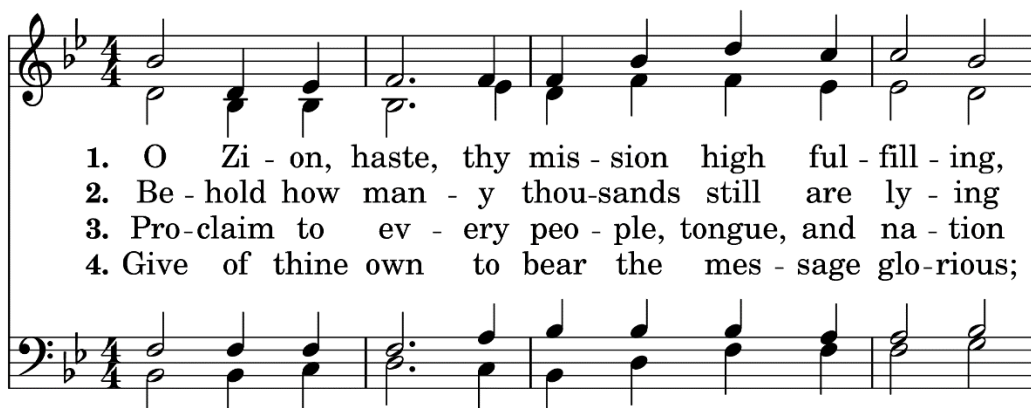
Prelude

Prayer

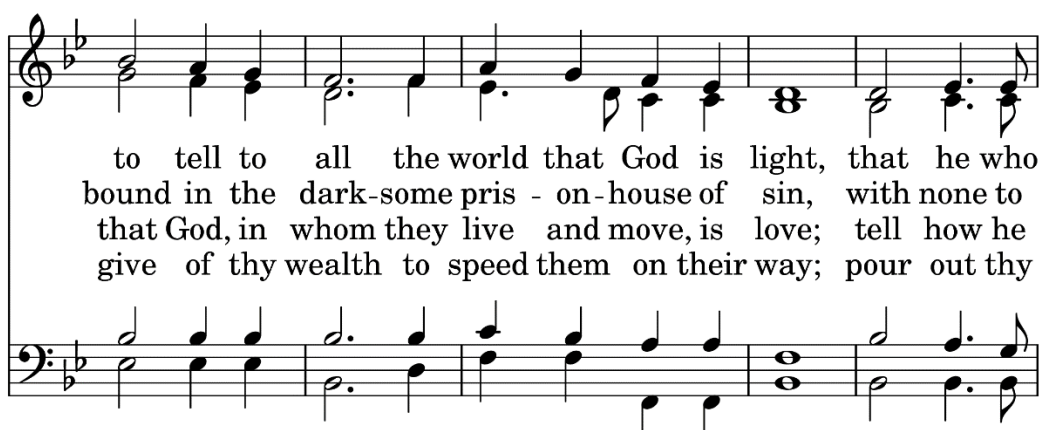
Ferdinand Von Heller

Hymn

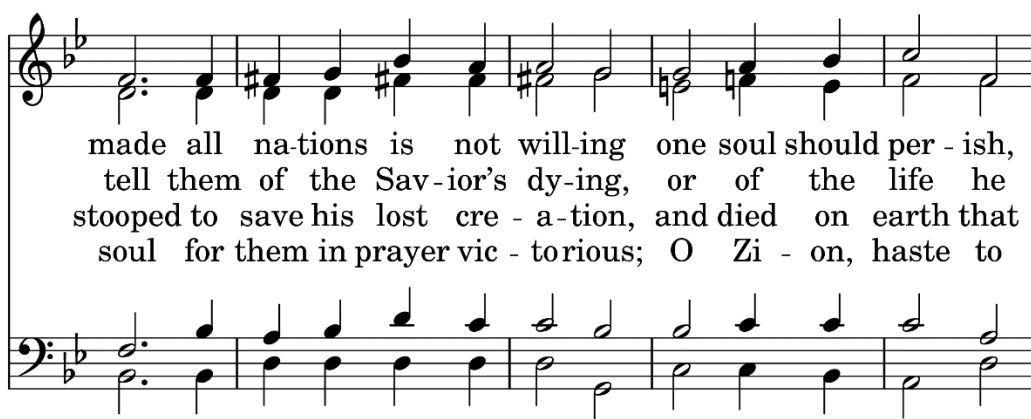
O Zion, Haste



1. O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2. Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing
 3. Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 4. Give of thine own to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;



to tell to all the world that God is light, that he who
 bound in the dark - some pris - on - house of sin, with none to
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love; tell how he
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way; pour out thy



made all nations is not will - ing one soul should per - ish,
 tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing, or of the life he
 stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion, and died on earth that
 soul for them in prayer vic - torious; O Zi - on, haste to

Refrain

lost in shades of night.
died for them to win. Pub-lish glad tid-ings, tid-ings of
we might live a - bove.
bring the bright-er day.

peace; tid-ings of Je - sus, re-demp-tion and re-lease.

Opening Prayer

I am no longer my own by yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen. (*John Wesley's Covenant Prayer*)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn/Chorus

Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11:11-16

By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Message

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Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

O Rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

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!

Chorus

God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home,
God bless America, my home sweet home.

Benediction

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible

Edward Broughton

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