

MORNING WORSHIP
October 14, 2018
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *O for the Wings of a Dove* Felix Mendelssohn
O Rest in the Lord
John Gearhart, Organist

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* #176
Majesty, worship His majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

THE GATHERING 8:45 Rev. Brandi Horton
11:00 Rev. Andy Nixon

*GREETING

*HYMN OF WELCOME *O Worship the King* #73
O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dr. Brant Wallace

SPECIAL MUSIC *Nearer, My God, to Thee* arr. Dan Forrest
Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Terry Morris, Director of Traditional Music
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee,
Even though it be a cross that raiseth me
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God to Thee,
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.
Oh, let the way appear, leading to heaven.
All that Thou sendest me, nearer Thy Spirit beckons me,
Nearer, my God to Thee.
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.
There in my Father's home, safe and at rest,
There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest.
Age after age to be nearer, my God to Thee!
Nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.

SCRIPTURE Esther 4:13-17

MESSAGE 8:45 Rev. Brandi Horton
11:00 Rev. Andy Nixon
Adaptation: Stepping Up

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF REFLECTION *God is So Good* #116, Worship
His Majesty Hymnal

God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, He's so good to me!

He answers prayer, He answers prayer
He answers prayer, He's so good to me!

He cares for me, He cares for me,
He cares for me, He's so good to me!

I love Him so, I love Him so,
I love Him so, He's so good to me!

FAITHFUL GIVING Rev. Bill Allen

OFFERTORY *The Love of God* Dan Forrest
Sanctuary Choir

*The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches down to lowest hell;
The guilty pair bowed down with care, His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.
When years of time shall pass away and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,
Then God's love so sure shall still endure. All measureless and strong
Redeeming grace to Adam's race the saints' and angels' song.
O love of God, how rich and pure, How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure the saints' and angels' song!
Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,*

*Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.
O love of God, how rich and pure! How marvelous and strong!
It shall forevermore endure the saints' and angels' song! The love of God.*

INVITATION 8:45 Rev. Brandi Horton
11:00 Rev. Andy Nixon

*HYMN OF BLESSING *Because He Lives* #364

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;\nBut greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

Repeat Refrain

And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.

Repeat Refrain

SENDING FORTH Dr. Brant Wallace

POSTLUDE *Allegro* Felix Mendelssohn
John Gearhart, Organist

* Please stand, as you are able.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of
Carolyn Severs' birthday, by her husband, Glen Severs.

ACOLYTES

8:45 Adam Sandoval and Givens Miller
11:00 Amanda Corbett and Christian Fugar