



Proclaim Jesus Christ, Live in Christ, Serve!

PRELUDE

Aria
Bill Chouinard, Organist
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WELCOME & INVITATIONS

OPENING HYMN Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

♩ = 82

1. Be still, for the pre - sence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One is here.
 2. Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin - ing all a - round.
 3. Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place.

5 Come, bow be - fore Him now, with rev - er - ence and fear. In Him no
 He burns with ho - ly fire, with splen - dor He is crowned. How awe - some
 He comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter His grace. No work too

10 sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground. Be still, for the pre - sence of the Lord, the
 is the sight, our rad - iant King of light! Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is
 hard for Him, in faith re - ceive from Him. Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is

15 Ho - - ly One is here.
 shin - - ing all a - round.
 mov - - ing in this place.

Tune: BE STILL (EVANS), Words and Music by David Evans, CCLI Song # 120824 © 1986 Thankyou Music

INVOCATION

Leader: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the presence of the God who sees widows and exiles, who hears the cries of the oppressed, hear us now as we silently confess our sin.
(Silence)

Leader: Faithful God,

All: **We confess that we often walk by fear and not by trust.
We are tempted to grow bitter and lose sight of Your future.
We are more concerned with our futures than others.
We stay silent when our voices could protect others.
Our actions don't always match our words.
Forgive us, reshape our hearts, and give us courage to say,
"Where you go, we will go."
Amen.**

Leader: People of God, hear this promise:

The same God who brought Naomi and Ruth from famine to fullness, has acted for all of us in Jesus Christ. On the cross and in the empty tomb, we see God's determination to bring forgiveness and new life. Through Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven; you are free to live with love and courage. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

All: **Amen.**

Leader: May the God who stays with us in loss and new places be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE This Is My Father's World



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.
God of steadfast love,
As you gathered Naomi and Ruth into a future beyond their sight, gather us into your redeeming work. Free us from bitterness and despair, strengthen us to trust your promises, and open our eyes to the ways you are restoring our lives and communities.
Through Jesus Christ, our companion and our Savior.

All: Amen.

READING Ruth 4: 1 – 12

No sooner had Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the next-of-kin of whom Boaz had spoken came passing by. So Boaz said, "Come over; sit down here." And he went over and sat down. Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the town and said, "Sit down here," so they sat down. He then said to the next-of-kin, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. So I thought I would tell you of it and say: Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me, so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you." So he said, "I will redeem it." Then Boaz said, "The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance." At this, the next-of-kin said, "I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging to confirm a transaction: the one took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel. So when the next-of-kin said to Boaz, "Acquire it for yourself," he took off his sandal. Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses." Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; and, through the children that the Lord will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

SOLO Sacred Fire
Emma Barat, soloist
Bill Chouinard, organ
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Sarah Class

You sever us from Eden with a sword,
and lead us through the desert by your light.
You make your prophets' word a burning coal,
and tend the lonely temple lamp at night.

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You keep your silence in the desert blaze,
and speak your secrets in the lightning storm.
You hide the sun's face like a candle flame,
and send a star to keep a stable warm.

And fill our hearts with sacred fire,
the blessing of the rosebud and the briar.
Come fill our hearts today with sacred fire,
with sacred fire,
with sacred fire.

Your love can make the hearts within us burn
and let the firelight reveal our shame.
You call the broken fellowship to feast,
and teach us to forgive in tongues of flame.

Your wisdom is the sunlight and the snow.
Your beauty is the rosebud and the briar.
Teach us to know the shadow and the light,
and fill our hearts today
with sacred fire.

And fill our hearts with sacred fire,
the blessing of the rosebud and the briar,
Come fill our hearts today with sacred fire,
with sacred fire,
sacred fire.

And fill my soul,
and fill my soul
and fill my soul today.

And fill our hearts with sacred fire
the blessing of the rosebud and the briar.
Come fill our hearts today with sacred fire,
with sacred fire.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:00am

Arthur Lee Plagge

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor-row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960
Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

READING Ruth 4:13-17

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Leader: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Guest Preacher Pastor Josh Carlson

OFFERING MUSIC

Ruth's Song

Emma Barat, soloist

Bill Chouinard, piano

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*All my life, I have wondered
Wondered where I might belong
Feeling lost, like a stranger
Wandering far all on my own*

*Without a home. Without a people
Without a hope, without a prayer
Without a way, that I could follow
Then I turned, and you were there*

*Where you go, I will go
Where you stay, I will stay forever
Where you lead, I will follow
So I can know the one you know*

*Under his wings, you found a shelter
You have no fear, you have no shame
And when you call, he seems to answer
He even seems to know your name*

*Where you go, I will go
Where you stay, I will stay forever
Where you lead, I will follow
So I can know the one you know*

(Bridge)

*Then somehow should I find his favor
I won't look back on all I've known
Your people then will be my people
And Your God my God alone*

*Where you go, I will go
Where you stay, I will stay forever
Where you lead, I will follow
So I can know the one you know*

*Where you go, I will go
And you know I will never leave you
Not even death, will ever part us
Now that I know the one you know
I will go now, where you go*

OFFERTORY This Is My Father's World

**This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD (All Sing)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN Faith of Our Fathers



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith, your work for Christ is
3 Faith of our sis - ters, broth - ers too, who still must bear op -
4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
love re - vealed, spread - ing God's word from pole to pole,
press - ion's might, rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,
fol - low you, shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross



when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word. Faith of our fa - thers,
mak - ing love known and free - dom real. Faith of our moth - ers,
the cross of Christ still burn - ing bright. Faith for to - day, O
un - til the world is made a - new. Faith born of God, O



ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.
ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.
liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.
liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.

Tune: ST. CATHERINE, Text: Frederick W. Faber, Music: Henry F. Hemy; arr. James G. Walton

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Leader: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

All: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray,
Compassionate God,
through this holy meal you have gathered us around your table and filled us with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us by this gift, that we may share your love freely, welcome others as you have welcomed us, and bear witness to the hope you bring to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Sing: **Amen.**

HYMN On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

DISMISSAL

Leader: The God who walked with Ruth on the road and who raised Jesus from the dead, guard your going out and your coming in today and always.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: Go in peace. Love and serve with courage.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Minuet from Gothic Suite

Bill Chouinard, Organist

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LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP

Preacher: Pastor Josh Carlson
Assisting: Pastor Amy Mihelich Smith
Pastor Michael Jordan

Music
Emma Barat, soloist
Bill Chouinard, Organist

NEXT SUNDAY

Preacher: Pastor Mike Carlson

Scripture: Esther 4:1-17

Music
Sam, Simon & Spencer Anderson, &
Andy Haase soloists

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