



November 12, 2023
Twentyfourth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Stewardship Moment

Kim Valentine, Hero Homes

Prelude

Reassurance

Welsh Air

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

***Call to Worship**

Carolyn Masters

L: Are you ready to worship?

P: We believe that we are.

L: Put away all those cares and worries that keep you from hearing God's word.

P: The cares and worries of the world have been put aside that we may be truly ready.

L: The Lord comes to you this day.

P: Thanks be to God for God's abiding presence and promise. AMEN.

***Opening Prayer**

Carolyn Masters

Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O Lord. Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to you. AMEN.

*** Hymn**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Carolyn Masters

We greet one another as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship by saying, 'The peace of Christ be with you.'

And we respond with, 'And also with you.'

Children's Time

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

With a Grateful Heart and Joyful Song

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

Carolyn Masters

Let your Word dwell within us richly, O Lord. Let your truth ring as a clarion through the chatter around us. Hold us in this time, that your wisdom may shape us to the depth of our humanity, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Philippians 4:10-20

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

It is Well with My Soul

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Sermon

"Cultivating Contentment"

Pastor Larry

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Amen.

Veteran Recognition

Morning Prayer

Pastor Larry

Offertory Invitation

Carolyn Masters

The abundance of God's providing is evident: This world brims with goodness, amply offered that our needs may be met. From this abundance, we may take what we need. In recognition of what God has provided us, let us worship God with our tithes and offerings.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

A Calm Retreat

Bell

**Doxology*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication*

Carolyn Masters

Holy God, you have given us what we need, indeed you have given us more than we need. Accept this portion that we dedicate to your work. Grant that we might be blessed in turn as we see your reign at work in the world and in ourselves. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*** Closing Hymn**

To God Be the Glory

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Benediction

Pastor Larry

Choral Benediction

Benediction Hymn

**Now may the Lord bless you and keep you
and make his face to shine upon you;
and may God lift his countenance upon you
and give you blessed peace for now and evermore.**

Postlude

Festive Episode

Scarmolin

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.*

*2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.*

*3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.*

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain:

***It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.***

*2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.*

(Refrain)

*3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

(Refrain)

*4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.*

(Refrain)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

Refrain:

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!***

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!***

*2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)*

*3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)*