

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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### WORDS OF WELCOME

**INTROIT: #595 v.v. 1 & 2** “*Sweet Hour of Prayer*” (Public Domain)

1. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Maker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by your return, sweet hour of prayer!
2. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! The joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for your return!  
With them I hasten to the place where I would know my Savior's face,  
and gladly take my station there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** \*

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

*C: We gather to celebrate another day that God has kept us.*

L: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change.

*C: We gather to recall and bear witness to all that God has done for us.*

L: Come, behold the works of God!

*C: We gather to worship our God who loves and protects us.*

**HYMN: #276 v.v. 1 & 4** “*Holy God We Praise Your Name*” (Public Domain)

1. Holy God, we praise your name; Sovereign God, we bow before you;  
All on earth your scepter claim, all the heavenly hosts adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is our reign.
4. Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name You;  
While in essence truly One, undivided God we claim You,  
So we gather reverently, to adore the mystery.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:** \*

L: Though many forces have scattered us in various ways,  
we invite you to bring us together within ourselves and all around us.

*All: Prepare our hearts, minds, and spirits, Gathering God, to be present  
and ready to receive exactly what we need from this time of worship. Amen.*

## SCRIPTURE:

### **Psalm 46: God's Defense of His City and People To the leader of the Korahites. According to Alamo. A Song.**

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup> The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

<sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

<sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

### **Colossians 1:11-20**

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

#### **The Supremacy of Christ**

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

#### **A TIME OF REFLECTION: *Christ the King Sunday***

Today is Christ the King Sunday in the life of the church and sometimes we get just as much or more out of our hymns which seek to proclaim the meaning behind scripture so today for our time of reflection, I am adding in a few hymns to help us reflect upon what we believe about Christ and Christ's reign. But before we do that, I want to share with you what I found in my research on the Colossians passage by Frank Crouch in his commentary. Frank shares a very succinct summary of what this passage has to say to us in every day and in every age. He says. "*In Christ we find all kinds of strength, endurance, patience, joy, and thanksgiving in release from old life and growth in new life. All these things flow out of all the ways that Christ connects all of us and all of creation to the power, life, faith, hope, and love that constitute life's richest possibilities and the deepest realities of God and God's creation.*" <https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revise-common-lectionary/christ-the-king-3/commentary-on-colossians-111-20-2>

#### **Love Divine, All Love Excelling #43**

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## **Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks**

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## **HYMN OF TRUST: “Thy Word”**

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## **A TIME OF PRAYER – LIFTING UP PRAYER REQUESTS – THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

### **CALL FOR OFFERING:**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** \*

L: Divine One,


*All: We’re grateful for your invitation to move and give faithfully and abundantly, God. We ask that you would extend your blessings over these gifts that we now offer and that which we dedicate to you through our pledges so that they can be multiplied in service to you and the missions of this congregation. May it be so!*

### **SUMM-IT UP:**

### **SENDING HYMN:** “Shine, Jesus Shine”

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