

Worshiping God

July 24, 2022

**We invite those who are able to stand*

+Childcare is provided for those 4 and under in room 124, Worship Boxes are available in the Narthex for older children.

Centering Words.

“The danger in tying your self-worth to being a helper is feeling shame when you have to ask for help. Offering help is courageous and compassionate, but so is asking for help.” ~ Brene Brown

Prelude

Holy Ground with Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome to Worship

Kim Miller

(choir will sing *God Is So Good*)

*Call to Worship

Kim Miller

God will speak peace

to God's people,

to God's faithful,

to those who turn to God in their hearts.

God's salvation is at hand

for those who fear God,

When our living is right in God's eyes.

When justice makes a path for God's steps,

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet.

The LORD gives what is good.

God's glory dwells among us.

*Hymn, 48

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above

Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest to both great and small;

In all life thou livest, the true life of all;

We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,

And whither and perish – but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,

Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;

All praise we would render, O help us to see

‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

*Passing of the Peace

Kim Miller

May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Let me hear what the Lord God says, because he speaks peace to his people and to his faithful ones.
Don't let them return to foolish ways.
God's salvation is very close to those who honor him so that his glory can live in our land.
Faithful love and truth have met; righteousness and peace have kissed.
Truth springs up from the ground; righteousness gazes down from heaven.
Yes, the Lord gives what is good, and our land yields its produce.
Righteousness walks before God, making a road for his steps.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn, 132

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart, free it from sin, thorough all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, and make me love you as I ought to love.**

**I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies, but take the dimness of my soul away.**

**Did you not bid us love you God and King, love you with all our heart and strength and mind?
I see your cross – there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek you and O let me find!**

**Teach me to feel that you are always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.**

**Teach me to love you as your angels love, on holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.**

Reading of the Gospel Luke 11:1-13 (Pew Bible p. 792)

Peter Colson

Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said,
“Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Jesus told them, “When you pray, say:

‘Father, uphold the holiness of your name.

Bring in your kingdom.

Give us the bread we need for today.

Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us.

And don't lead us into temptation.’”

He also said to them, “Imagine that one of you has a friend and you go to that friend in the middle of the night. Imagine saying, ‘Friend, loan me three loaves of bread because a friend of mine on a journey has arrived and I have nothing to set before him.’ Imagine further that he answers from within the house, ‘Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up to give you anything.’ I assure you, even if he wouldn't get up and help because of his friendship, he will get up and give his friend whatever he needs because of his friend's brashness. And I tell you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the door is opened.

“Which father among you would give a snake to your child if the child asked for a fish? If a child asked for an egg, what father would give the child a scorpion? If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer

Kim Miller

Anthem

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

Summer Singers

Sermon

How Much More?

Steve Shaw

Musical Reflection

*Hymn of Response, 349

Seek Ye First

SEEK YE FIRST

God calls all to respond! Our church welcomes you to share a new desire to follow in the way of Jesus, to join our congregation as a member, or to share a renewed desire to follow in the way of Jesus.

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!**

**As, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia!**

Prayers for the Gifts We Give Kim Miller

Thank you for giving faithfully to God through the ministries of our church!

Life of the Community

*Sending Forth

Kim Miller

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, you Heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen.**

Postlude

+Childcare:

Flowers: