

# MORNING WORSHIP

July 19, 2015 9:30 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "A Song of Redemption"

D. Paxton

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship:

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice. If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

**O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the Lord there is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

\* Hymn: PH 48

"Great Is the Lord Our God"

DIADEMATA

\* Prayer of the Day:

**Lord God our Father, we come into your presence with joy and thanksgiving for all the blessings that you have poured out upon us. Give to us this day a mind to know you, a heart to love you and voices to declare your praises. In our worship this day, we ask that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

Anthems: *Grade K*

### "The Wise Man Built His House"

Omley

The wise man built his house upon the rock. (3x)  
And the rains came tumbling down.  
The rains came down and the floods came up. (3x)  
And the house on the rock stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand. ( 3x)  
And the rains came tumbling down.  
The rains came down and the floods came up. (3x)  
And the house on the sand went "splat!"

So build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ. (3x)  
And the blessings will come down.  
The blessings come down as the prayers go up. (3x)  
So build your house on the Lord.

### **“This Little Light of Mine”**

Loes

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### **“Make Me a Servant”**

Make me a servant, humble and meek.  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be,  
“Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.”

## **CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

Prayer of Confession:

Psalm 51, adapted

**Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins, for we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you alone have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified when you speak, and blameless when you judge. Indeed, we were born guilty, sinners when our mothers conceived us. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Proverbs 28

**“A Sower’s Seed Fell on a Path”**

Stuempfle/Dare

A sower’s seed fell on a path packed hard by foot and cart,  
And hungry sparrows ate their fill before a root could start.  
Lord, give us ears to hear your Word and hearts where seed can grow.

And some fell down where rocky ground no sustenance could give.  
Beneath the scorching noonday sun no tender plant could live.  
Lord, give us ears to hear your Word and hearts where seed can grow.

And some seed fell among the weeds that wove a tangling snare  
To choke the green and budding plants that never fruit would bear  
Lord, give us ears to hear your Word and hearts where seed can grow.

But some seed fell on fertile soil and flourished more and more  
Until the joyous harvest time, when hundredfold it bore.  
Lord, give us ears to hear your Word and hearts where seed can grow.

**“The Kingdom of Our God Is Like”** Webber/American Folk Melody

The kingdom of our God is like a treasure trove concealed beneath the ground,  
For which one sells all else to buy that field,  
all else to buy that field.

The kingdom of our God is like a mustard seed in size  
Which grows to offer nesting space for every bird that flies,  
for every bird that flies.

The kingdom of our God is like a merchant who, to own  
The rarest pearl, sells everything to gain that pearl alone,  
to gain that pearl along.

Congregational Prayer

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

\* Hymn: Bulletin pp. 7-8 “Hear the Call of the Kingdom” Getty, Townend

The choir will sing the first verse.

The congregation is asked to join in singing verses 2 and 3.

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

\* Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21-35 (p. 975)

Sermon: *The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant*

Prayer

\* Hymn: PH 501 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON

**THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE**

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “La Rejouissance” G. F. Handel

### **“The Kingdom of the Lord”**

Sleeth

If you would my disciple be, take up your cross and follow me,  
And together we will bring in the Kingdom of the Lord.  
If you would set the world aright, then walk with me and seek the light,  
And together we will bring in the Kingdom of the Lord.  
Where peace shall reign from shore to shore, and love will triumph evermore.  
So come with me and find the way; it lies before us day by day,  
And together we will bring in the Kingdom of the Lord. (Repeat)

### **“Peace Round”**

J. Ritchie

What a goodly thing if the children of the world  
could live together in peace. (Repeat)

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Blessing:

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

\* Doxology: PH 209 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

\* Postlude: "Prelude in F Major"

J. S. Bach

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