

July 12, 2020 Bulletin

Prelude "On Christ, the Solid Rock I Stand" arr. by Adam Mason

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn "Christ for the World We Sing" UMH #568

1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.
3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord;
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song;
the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

Unison Prayer

You, Lord Christ, are the hope of our world! No one compares with you! Someday, all people will bow down before you and acknowledge you, Lord of all creation. So today we praise you and glorify your holy name, that you would receive all the honor in our worship of you today. Through Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Song "In the Midst of New Dimensions" FWS #2238

1. In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways, who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?

[Refrain] God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the
journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

2. Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair, who will lift the olive
branches? Who will light the flame of care?

[Refrain] God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the
journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

3. As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes, grant that we, your global village
might envision wider dreams

[Refrain] God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

4. We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.

[Refrain] God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

5. Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, may your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again.

[Refrain] God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:4-12 (Common English Bible)

⁴ Now you are coming to him as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective it is chosen, valuable. ⁵ You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Thus it is written in scripture, *Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable. The person who believes in him will never be shamed.*^[a] ⁷ So God honors you who believe. For those who refuse to believe, though, the stone the builders tossed aside has become the capstone. ⁸ This is a stone that makes people stumble and a rock that makes them fall. Because they refuse to believe in the word, they stumble. Indeed, this is the end to which they were appointed. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his amazing light. ¹⁰ Once you weren't a people, but now you are God's people. Once you hadn't received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Dear friends, since you are immigrants and strangers in the world, I urge that you avoid worldly desires that wage war against your lives. ¹² Live honorably among the unbelievers. Today, they defame you, as if you were doing evil. But in the day when God visits to judge they will glorify him, because they have observed your honorable deeds.

Musical Offering

"A Series of Choruses"
W. R. Featherstone/A. J. Gordon

Pearl Swanson

Message

"What We're Building, We're Building Together"

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Give & Prayer of Dedication

Heavenly Father, the church is yours; we belong to you. You laid its foundation with your Son, Jesus Christ. Upon him alone have you built your church. Through your Spirit, you've called each of us to participate in the building up of your church utilizing the gifts you gave us. We offer back to you the fruit of our labors. Bless it in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Musical Offering

“‘Til the Storm Passes By”
Mosie Lister

Pearl Swanson

Song

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

FWS #2241

1. The spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.
2. We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free: where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the Gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

Benediction

Postlude