



Sunday, September 20, 2026

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Prelude: Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

arr. John Bacchus Dykes

Words of Welcome

We Approach God

*Processional Hymn: *We Praise You, O God*

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The Call to Worship:

Arshida Taghizadeh

L.: Give thanks to God who is good.

P.: We will call on God's name and make known God's wonderful works.

L.: Seek the Lord continually.

P.: We will watch and listen for signs of God's grace.

L.: Together let us honour God with our worship.

P.: We will rejoice in God's presence and praise God's holy name.

Let us worship God!

Introit: O Praise the Lord, Be Joyful (G. F. Handel)

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

The Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

*Praise Time: Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name
Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's "all as it should be", blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name
You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name

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Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination:

Jessica Chapman

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading – Psalm 145:1-9

Neda Masoudi

- ¹ *I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.*
- ² ***Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.***
- ³ *Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.*
- ⁴ ***One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.***
- ⁵ *They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.*
- ⁶ ***They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.***
- ⁷ *They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*
- ⁸ ***The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.***
- ⁹ *The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.*

New Testament: **Matthew 20:1-16**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous? ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: How Excellent is Thy Loving Kindness attr. Ch. F. Noyes and J. M. Stillman

Sermon: Are You Envious Because I Am Generous? The Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

*Hymn: *May the Mind of Christ My Saviour* **#644**

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology **#830**

*Dedication of Offering

Community Life News

We are Sent out as God’s People

*Recessional Hymn: *Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life* **#760**

*Charge and Benediction

*Musical Benediction:

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know He will guide you in all you do.**

Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen

Postlude: Jubilate

Ernest H. Sheppard

**if you are able, please stand*

***Processional Hymn: We Praise You, O God**

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1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
2. We worship you; God ever faithful, we bless you;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, life's battles we win.
3. With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our songs of true worship we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

***Hymn: May the Mind of Christ My Saviour**

#644

1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
Jesus' love and power controlling
all I do or say.
2. May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through God's power.
3. May the peace of God my Sovereign
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me,
as the waters fill the sea;
Christ exalting, self denying,
this is victory.
5. May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

***Recessional Hymn: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

#760

1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.
3. From tender childhood's helplessness,
from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.
4. The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.
5. O Saviour, from the mountain side,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
oh tread the city's streets again;
6. Till human hearts shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above,
shall come the city of our God.

