

**August 1, 2021  
Order of Worship**

**Prelude**

***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above***  
**Steve Martin**  
**Suk Choi, Organist**

**Welcome**

**Pastor Jim**

**Call to Worship**

**Sailor Denton**

*(Please stand if able.)*

**Leader:** You are called to be the children of light.

**People:** ***We come to worship to be renewed in our faith that our light might ever shine.***

**Leader:** The light of Christ is found in all that is good and right and true.

**People:** ***We gather for worship that we might gather ourselves to do what is good and right and true to Christ.***

**All:** ***We come to worship to celebrate and give thanks to God. Let us lift our voices in praise!***

**Opening Prayer**

**Sailor Denton**

Almighty God, we gather as the body of Christ this morning to boldly offer you our prayers and praise. You alone are worthy of our praise. Prepare our hearts and minds to worship you so that we may be fully present to you, setting aside any cares or concerns. Let our words, spoken and sung, be to your glory. Amen.

*Over the mountains and the sea  
Your river runs with love for me  
And I will open up my heart  
And let the Healer set me free  
I'm happy to be in the truth  
And I will daily lift my hands  
For I will always sing  
Of when Your love came down yeah*

*I could sing of Your love forever  
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*Oh I feel like dancing  
It's foolishness I know  
But when the world has seen the light  
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now*

*I could sing of Your love forever  
I could sing of Your love forever  
I could sing of Your love forever  
I could sing of Your love forever*

**Build Your Kingdom Here**  
**Rend Collective**

***Come set Your rule and reign In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church We need Your pow'r in us***

***We seek Your kingdom first We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church We pray revive this earth***

***Build Your kingdom here Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere Build Your kingdom here we pray***

***Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church We are the hope on earth***

***Build Your kingdom here Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire Win this nation back  
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**Invitation to the Prayer of Confession**

**Nancy LeBlanc**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God using the words of the Prayer of Confession as printed in our bulletin. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Nancy LeBlanc**

*Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Lord, God, hear our silent prayers of confession now.*

**Silent Prayer.**

**Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

**Nancy LeBlanc**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

**Response of Thanksgiving**

*(Please stand if able.)*

**Gloria Patri**

**Michael Smith**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.*

**Passing of the Joy & Peace of Christ**

**Pastor Jim**

**Musical Offering**

***“Arpeggione” Sonata in A minor D 821***  
**(Allegro moderato)**  
**Franz Shubert**  
**Nathan Le, Cello**  
**Suk Choi, Piano**

**Time For Young Disciples**

**Jaime and Lani Colley**

## Prayer Song

*God is always near me,  
God will always hear me,  
When I pray.*

## First Lesson

## Psalm 92: 1 - 4

John Denton

<sup>1</sup>It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup>to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,  
<sup>3</sup>to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.  
<sup>4</sup>For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

## Hymn of Preparation

*(Please stand if able.)*

## *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Robert Robinson

Michael Smith

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise his name--I'm fixed upon it--  
Name of God's redeeming love.*

*O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it;  
Seal it for thy courts above.*

<sup>18</sup> Thus says the LORD:

I am going to restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob,  
and have compassion on his dwellings;  
the city shall be rebuilt upon its mound,  
and the citadel set on its rightful site.

<sup>19</sup> Out of them shall come thanksgiving,  
and the sound of merrymakers.

I will make them many, and they shall not be few;  
I will make them honored, and they shall not be disdained.

<sup>20</sup> Their children shall be as of old,  
their congregation shall be established before me;  
and I will punish all who oppress them.

<sup>21</sup> Their prince shall be one of their own,  
their ruler shall come from their midst;  
I will bring him near, and he shall approach me,  
for who would otherwise dare to approach me?  
says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup> And you shall be my people,  
and I will be your God.

Sermon

People Who Make A Difference: Celebration

Pastor Jim

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Jim

Offertory

*Suite No. 6, Courante*  
J.S. Bach  
Nathan Le, Cello

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

John Denton

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen*

**Hymn of Response**  
*(Please stand if able.)*

***I Will Sing of the Mercies***  
**James Fillmore and Marie Post**  
**Michael Smith**

***I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.***

***With my mouth will I make known your faithfulness, your faithfulness;  
With my mouth will I make known your faithfulness to all generations.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.***

***All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever  
For the things he has done.  
All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever,  
All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise.***

***Who can be compared to God in faithfulness, in faithfulness?  
Who can be compared to God in faithfulness to all generations?  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.***

**Charge and Benediction**

**Pastor Jim**

**Choral Response**

*(Please remain seated during the Choral Response.)*

***Prayer for the Road***  
**Michael Smith**

***May we be blessed as we go on our way.  
May we be kept in safety and love.  
May grace and compassion find their way to every soul,  
May this be our blessing, Amen.  
Amen, Amen.  
May this be our blessing, Amen  
Amen, Amen.  
May this be our blessing, Amen.***

*(In consideration of our livestream, please remain seated until the Postlude is over before exiting the Sanctuary. Thank you.)*

**Today's Chancel flowers are given by  
George and Anette Rihovsky  
in celebration of our 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.**

**&**

**Jean Shelton  
in loving memory of my husband, Jerry.**

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