

WORSHIP BULLETIN for Sunday, October 18, 2020

"God hears us in our time of deepest longing."

Two-Piano Prelude "The Love of God"

Toni DiCapua, Mollie Wakeman

Call to Worship

Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand (words on next page)

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Leland Morine

Loving God, we look up to You in our time of need. When we are filled with hopelessness, Your power alone can bring hope. When we are overcome with despair, You are the One who can make things new. Help us, O God, to turn to You in our time of deepest longing. Make us bold as we seek You in prayer. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

Anthem: "Psalm 121"...Krogstad (used with permission, CCLI # 20405356)

Choral Ensemble

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, piano; Toni DiCapua, organ

Ensemble: Sharon Dinwiddie, Bob Kraut, Leland Morine, Anne Swanson

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 1:9-17; 2:1-10

Sermon: "A Bold Prayer"

Rev. Anne Swanson

Hymn of Response: My Soul Rejoices in the Lord (words on next page)

Prayers of the People

Bob Kraut

Closing Hymn: Song of Mary (words on next page)

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Benediction

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

Organ Postlude "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Mary Mackie

GOD OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND

God of the ages, whose almighty hand,
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever-sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

GLORIA PATRI

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.

PSALM 121 (Choral Ensemble)

I to the hills will lift mine eyes —
From whence doth come mine aid?
My safety cometh from the Lord,
Who heaven and earth hath made.

Thy foot He'll not let slide, nor will
He slumber that thee keeps;
Behold, He that keeps Israel,
He slumbers not, nor sleeps. Amen.

MY SOUL REJOICES IN THE LORD

(tune: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God")

My soul rejoices in the Lord; my God gives strength to me.
I feel my heart within me soar, at God's great victory.
O God, you are the Holy One! You are the Rock I trust.
I sing with joy for what you've done — for you've delivered us.

O God, you turn the world around, and make things fresh and new.
The proud and mighty are cast down; the poor find life in you.
See! Those who ate till they were stuffed, are searching now for bread,
While those who never had enough, feast at your table spread.

The burdens that we long have known, by grace are cast away.
You lift the poor to sit on thrones, and bring a just, new day.
The ones who grieve what might have been, are finding ways to be
The blessing-bearers, loving kin, in your community.

This song was Hannah's joyful shout of wonder and surprise.
Young Mary, too, would sing it out, that you change people's lives.
May we remember all you do — and your surprising ways.
May acts of love and justice, too, grow from our songs of praise.

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SONG OF MARY

My soul gives glory to my God, my heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness, in many marvelous ways.

My God has done great things for me, yes, holy is His Name.
All people will declare me blessed, and blessings they shall claim.

From age to age to all who fear, such mercy love imparts,
Dispensing justice far and near, dismissing selfish hearts.

Love casts the mighty from their thrones, promotes the insecure,
Leaves hungry spirits satisfied, the rich seem suddenly poor.

Praise God, whose loving covenant, support those in distress,
Remembering past promises, with present faithfulness.

GO NOW IN PEACE

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.