

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

"The Servant Song"

R. Gillard

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One Listen and hear, all you people of the book!
There is one God who created all time and space.
- All Our hope is in God who made heaven and earth.
All creatures of the land and sea come from God.**
- One You shall love God with all your heart and soul.
You shall honor God with all your mind and strength.
- All We will praise God as long as we live.
We will sing of God's glory all through our lives.**
- One A second commandment is like the first:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself,
- All God watched over strangers and widows and orphans.
We honor God by honoring these, our sisters and brothers.**

SONG

Hymn to Joy

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"



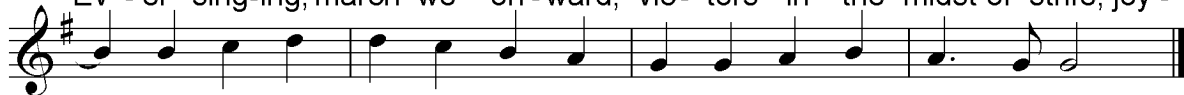
Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
All thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
Mor-tals, join the hap - py chor - us which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, op'n - ing to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all in heav - en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way; giv -
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow'r - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea, chant
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife, joy -



- er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
- ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in Thee.
- ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

**We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.**

**We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.**

**We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.**

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

WORDS OF WELCOME

Greetings Among the People of God
Concerns of the Church

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

LESSONS

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Now this is the commandment - the statutes and the ordinances - that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

One Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
 from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
**All For I am persuaded that your love is established forever;
 you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
 One “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
 I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
**All ‘I will establish your line forever,
 and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**

MUSIC

“Love the Lord Your God”

J. and J. Strathdee

LESSON

Mark 12:28-44

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ - this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared,

‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand,
 until I put your enemies under your feet.” ’

David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?” And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

SERMON

“Simple Things”

Kevin Scott Fleming

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE

TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Spoken Prayers
Silent Prayers
Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

**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.**

WE LEAVE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

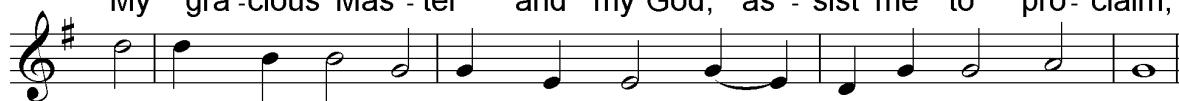
SONG

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Azmon



O for a thou- sand tongues to sing my dear Re-deem- er's praise,
Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
Christ breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, and sets the pris - oner free;
My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,



the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
Christ's blood can make the sin - ful clean, Christ's blood a - vailed for me.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of Thy name.

BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

"Go with God"

I. Jones, Jr.

Leading worship this morning:

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| Pastor | Kevin Scott Fleming |
| Director of Music | Robert Nicholls |
| Vocalist | Joanna Fleming |



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