

**Please stand if able.*

***Bold** denotes unison response.*

CHIMES

Karen Needham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements from the congregation are welcome. Those wishing to make an announcement are asked to be in the front pews at the start of the announcement period. Prayer request cards may be found on the tables at the back of the church. Offerings may be placed in the marked boxes on the tables at the back of the church.

PRELUDE *Set Your Hearts on the Higher Gift*

Steven Warner

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made,
 let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Whatever energizes our spirits and deepens them,
 may we experience that today.
Whatever challenges our spirits and wearies them,
 may we know God's presence there.
Whatever will awaken us to our place in the Body of Christ,
 may that be stirred in us now.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
 may we receive it as the gift of God.

***HYMN Morning Has Broken Pilgrim (red), 38**

*Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew-fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!*

***GATHERING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

God of times and seasons, God of all our experience,
may we not forget that you are always and everywhere –
with us when we are gathered and when we are not,
with us through days of joy and hours of trial.

Remind us today that we belong to one another,
and that all belong to you,
parts of one whole, members of one body.

Help us to hear that wisdom and to heed its call,
that we might be the presence of love in our world,
for each other and for all others.

We pray in Christ's name and spirit, as we also say together:

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.

***SUNG RESPONSE** *Bless God, O My Soul*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff contains the melody and accompaniment for the first line of the response: "Bless God, O my soul! All with - in me bless God's name!". The second staff continues with the second line: "Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev - er be the same!". The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Galatians 3:23-29

SERMON *Circles of Belonging*

ANTHEM *Ave Maria*
Soloist, Judy Robinson

Franz Schubert

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

God of every goodness,
may your spirit bless all the offerings we make,
that they might be forms of love in this world.
Take our minds and think through them,
our voices and speak through them;
take our hands and serve through them,
our hearts and love through them,
for the sake of the gospel and for the sake of the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN *In Christ There is No East or West* Chalice (blue), 687

*In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.*

*Join hands disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be;
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
All loving hearts are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.*

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen*

*POSTLUDE *God Is Here* Green/Taylor (Abbot's Leigh)