

WORSHIP SERVICE

April 18, 2021

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: "Speak, O Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts #755

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness – that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

* Opening Prayer

Gracious God,

we do not live by bread alone,

but by every word that

comes from your mouth.

Make us hungry for your Word,

that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life.

Through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven,

We pray. Amen.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's instruction for our lives: from Ephesians 4:15-32

Prayer of Confession "*Nearer, Still Nearer*" *LUYH #659*

Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, draw me, my Savior,

so precious thou art. Fold me, O fold me close to thy breast;

shelter me safe in that haven of rest, shelter me save in that haven of rest.

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an offering to Jesus, my King – only my sinful, now contrite heart; grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart, grant me the cleansing thy

blood doth impart.

Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine, sin with its follies I gladly resign, all of its pleasures, pomp and its pride; give me but Jesus my Lord crucified, give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my anchor is cast; through endless ages, ever to be nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee, nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee.

Assurance of Pardon (Ephesians 2:4-7)

“Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”

Congregational Prayer – Bill Frazier

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

Bible Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. **4** In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, **6** being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **7** It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. **8** God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. **9** And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, **10** so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, **11** filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Message: Why Go to Church? – Growth!

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: *“Shine On Us” vs 1-2*

Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us.
Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life;
to find our way in the darkest night,
let your light shine on us.

Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us.
Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life;
to find our way in the darkest night,
let your grace fall on us.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing (Ephesians 3:20-21)

* Closing Song: "*Shine On Us*" vs 3

Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us.

Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us.

That we may be saved, that we may have life;

to find our way in the darkest night,

let your love come over us.

* Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

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