



A Service for the Worship of God

February 12, 2023 9:00 am

*“You don’t build a house by starting with the roof and working down.
You start with the foundation... The neighbor is where we start.
Every commandment of God depends on this.” —Abba Moses*

The ringing of the chimes ushers us into a time of worshipful silence.

Prelude

Canzon per Sonare N° 2

Giovanni Gabrieli

Please rise, in body or spirit.

Call to Worship

One: Happy are those who walk in God’s ways.

All: Blessed are those who observe God’s commandments.

One: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

All: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

One: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

All: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

Hymn 10

“Sing Glory to the Name of God”

Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy God, we confess that we bow before idols,
and have often turned our hearts from you.**

**Our worship of power and devotion to comfort
disorders our love of you and our neighbors.**

We seek your forgiveness

and yet avoid the hard work of reconciliation.

**Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken,
that we may be one with you. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God is alive and at work nurturing our growth,
nourishing our needs, and reconciling us to one another.
God hears the confessions of our hearts and forgives generously.
It is through God's amazing grace that we are forgiven.
And all God's children respond:

All: Thanks be to God!

Response

"Glory be to the Father"

Meineke



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the son and to the Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now and e - ver shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

The message concludes with this litany of blessing:

Children: God be with you here.

Congregation: God be with you there.

All: God be with us everywhere!

During the singing of the following response, children may join their teachers for Sunday School.

Parents can collect their children after service in their classrooms on the 2nd floor.

Response

"God of Great and God of Small"

Hymn 19, v.1

Welcome and Ministry Updates

Introducing New Members

Mary Hambleton, Elder

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:1-8

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Anthem

"A Jubilant Song"

Allen Pote

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.**

Offertory *Allegro* from Piano Sonata No. 13 W. A. Mozart

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Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Hymn 606

Hymn 463 "How Firm a Foundation"

Please be seated

Prayer for Illumination

**O God, send your Spirit upon us and light our path,
that we may travel the road you have prepared for us.
Help us break free from ideas that no longer bring life,
that we may embrace the work of your Spirit. Amen.**

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 5:21-26, 33-37 NT page 4

Sermon "Sure Foundations" Rev. Caroline Cupp

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Affirmation of Faith (from The Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life
for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn 846

“Fight the Good Fight”

Blessing and Response

You may be seated for the postlude or move quietly to Fellowship Hall.

Postlude

“Swing Hosanna”

arr. Ty Watson



Leading worship today

Rev. Caroline Cupp

Sándor Kádár, Director of Music

Lisa Buckley, Liturgist

Peyton Cole, Assistant Organist

The Miner Street Brass

The Chancel Choir

Music notes

Giovanni Gabrielli (~1555–1612) was born in Venice, studied in Germany, and returned to Venice to serve as organist at St. Mark’s Basilica. While most of his output was vocal and sacred works, his *Canzon per Sonare N° 2* represents an important turn in musical history, paving the way to what would become the new Baroque concerto style.

In a different color of the musical spectrum, Ty Watson brings us a swing arrangement of the chorus from “Oil In My Lamp,” recorded by many artists including The Byrds.

Allen Pote was born in Kansas in 1945, and now lives and works in Pensacola, Florida. He has composed hundreds of church anthems, including this setting of Psalm 96.

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song
Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad,
Let the heavens be filled with joy
and a jubilant song.

Sing alleluia to the Lord,
Sing of his salvation from day to day.
Shout his marvelous works among the people,
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were made,
and the land and sea were born,
From age to age you are God,
And we pray for the coming of your kingdom.
We shall rejoice;
We shall be glad all the days of our lives.