

**Order of Worship**  
October 23rd 2022 ~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Hymn**

*Oh How Good It Is*  
Worship Supplement #175

**Verse 1**

Oh how good it is  
When the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit  
In faith and unity  
Where the bonds of peace  
Of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence  
Here among us

**Chorus**

So with one voice we'll sing to the  
Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His  
word  
Till the whole earth sees  
The Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His  
people

**Verse 2**

Oh how good it is  
On this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy  
And weep with those who mourn  
For the weak find strength  
The afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing  
Of belonging

**Chorus**

So with one voice we'll sing to the  
Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His  
word  
Till the whole earth sees  
The Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His  
people

**Verse 3**

Oh how good it is  
To embrace His command  
To prefer one another  
Forgive as He forgives  
When we live as one  
We all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father  
And the Spirit

**Chorus**

So with one voice we'll sing to the  
Lord  
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**Gathering Prayer**

**Special Music**

*Adagio & Allegro from Sonata No. 2 for Viola da Gamba*  
J. S. Bach

## Scripture Reading

Rebecca Paschal, reader

### **Numbers 22:21-31**

#### **Good News Translation**

21 So the next morning Balaam got up, saddled his donkey, and started off with the Moabite officials. 22 But God was angry that Balaam was going, so he sent the angel of the Lord to stand in the road to block his way. As Balaam and two servants were riding along, 23 Balaam's donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand. The donkey bolted off the road into a field, but Balaam beat it and turned it back onto the road. 24 Then the angel of the Lord stood at a place where the road narrowed between two vineyard walls. 25 When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it tried to squeeze by and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall. So Balaam beat the donkey again. 26 Then the angel of the Lord moved farther down the road and stood in a place too narrow for the donkey to get by at all. 27 This time when the donkey saw the angel, it lay down under Balaam. In a fit of rage Balaam beat the animal again with his staff.

28 Then the Lord gave the donkey the ability to speak. "What have I done to you that deserves your beating me three times?" it asked Balaam.

29 "You have made me look like a fool!" Balaam shouted. "If I had a sword with me, I would kill you!"

30 "But I am the same donkey you have ridden all your life," the donkey answered. "Have I ever done anything like this before?"

"No," Balaam admitted.

31 Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the roadway with a drawn sword in his hand. Balaam bowed his head and fell face down on the ground before him.

#### **Matthew 5:13-16**

#### **Good News Translation**

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

14 "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Sermon

*The Gifts of Humor, Laughter, and Joy – Part 1*  
Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

## Offertory

## Communion

## 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Closing Hymn

*I've Found A Friend In Jesus/The Lily Of The Valley*  
Red Hymnal #626

### Verse 1

I have found a friend in Jesus He's  
ev'rything to me  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to  
my soul  
The Lily of the Valley in Him alone I  
see  
All I need to cleanse and make me  
fully whole  
In sorrow He's my comfort in trouble  
He's my stay  
He tells me ev'ry care on Him to roll

### Chorus

He's the Lily of the Valley  
The bright and Morning Star  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to  
my soul

### Verse 2

He all my grief has taken and all my  
sorrows borne  
In temptation He's my strong and  
mighty tow'r  
I have all for Him forsaken and all  
my idols torn  
From my heart and now He keeps  
me by His pow'r  
Though all the world forsake me  
And Satan tempts me sore  
Through Jesus I shall safely reach  
the goal

### Chorus

He's the Lily of the Valley  
The bright and Morning Star  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to  
my soul

### Verse 3

He will never never leave me nor yet  
forsake me here  
While I live by faith and do His  
blessed will  
A wall of fire about me I've nothing  
now to fear  
With His manna He my hungry soul  
shall fill  
Then sweeping up to glory to see  
His blessed face  
Where rivers of delight shall ever roll

### Chorus

He's the Lily of the Valley  
The bright and Morning Star  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to  
my soul

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## Blessing

## Postlude

***Our love in action now begin***

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