

Order of Worship
February 18th 2024 ~ The 1st Sunday of Lent - 9am

Prelude

Partita No.3 in E major, "Preludio"
J.S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

Come, Holy Spirit.

Do a new work among us!

Come, Holy Spirit.

Write your truth within us.

Claim us as your own.

**Show us what it means to follow you—
to be your people in the world.**

Come, Holy Spirit.

Renew our hearts and minds.

**Fill us with your love and compassion,
so that our lives may make you known
throughout our hurting, hungry world. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

By Faith
WS #36

Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand
design
In the lives of those who prove His
faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the
earth
With the pow'r of His promise in
their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own
hand
A place where peace and justice
reign

Chorus

We will stand as children of the
promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our
soul's reward

Till the race is finished and the work
is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would
appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of
sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach
good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

Chorus

We will stand as children of the
promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our

soul's reward

Till the race is finished and the work
is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be
moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall
prevail
For we know in Christ all things are
possible
For all who call upon His name

Chorus

We will stand as children of the
promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our
soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work
is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

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Music for Meditation

Hymn

You Are Mine

Verse 1

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here.

Verse 2

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light,
Come and rest in me.

Chorus

Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,

I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

Verse 3

I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
The lame will all run free,
And all will know my name.

Chorus

Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

Verse 4

I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
Embracing all your pain,
Stand up, now walk, and live!

Chorus

Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

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Opening Prayer

We devote ourselves to you by renewing the covenant—
the promise you made to humanity so long ago.
Because you are our God, we will be your people.
Enlarge our faithfulness, our trust, our commitment and our love
so that we may graciously uphold our side of the deal.
Help us always to recognize your presence and your blessings
throughout our journey.
Keep us in your care.
Amen.

~ written by Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson

Special Music

"Passaglia" for solo violin
Heinrich von Biber

Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Psalm 25

A Prayer for Guidance and for Deliverance Of David.

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

⁸Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. ¹¹And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Contracts and Covenants: a Code You Can Live By

The Rev. Dr. Mike Attas

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Sonata No.2 in A minor, "Andante"

J.S. Bach

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen**

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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

On Eagle's Wings
WS #180

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,

and hold you in the palm of his hand.

4. For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Closing Prayer

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,
exalted for you or brought low for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.

~ by John Wesley (1703-1791)

Blessing

Postlude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
J.S. Bach

One Hour in Hungary
Väsen

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
MinTze Wu,
Micha Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Altar : Meredith Hall
Greeters : Jeanne and Randy Woods
Scripture reader and POP : Sherri Goodwin
Communion : Jeanne and Randy Woods
Greeter at 10:30 : Meredith Hall

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