

# Service for the Lord's Day

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## Pre-Service Music

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Sonata IV in B-flat, mvt. iii

Felix Mendelssohn

## Concerns of the Congregation

### Call to Worship

Psalm 73:28; 84:1-2

Sonja Vernon

*One: It is good to be near God;*

**All: Make the Lord your refuge and tell of all his works,**

*One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!*

**All: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord**

*One: My heart sings for joy to the living God!*

### Prelude

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Improvisation on *Lauda Anima*

### Ringing of the Revere Tower Bell

Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### \*Hymn #26

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

### \*Invocation

### \*Prayer of Confession

**All: Eternal and gracious God, we praise you, for you are just and true. Your love is with us always. In your grace, you call us to confess our sin and receive your mercy. Many times we have done what we should not have done. We know this is true, so we acknowledge it before you. Many times we also have not done what we should have done. We know this is true as well, so we admit it in your presence. Help us to serve you joyfully, so you may receive the honor. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \*Moments of Silent Confession

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 5:1

*One: Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. This morning, know that you have been justified by faith, made right with God and through Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven. This is our Good News!*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri #575**

Glory Be to the Father

**\*Anthem**

It is Well with My Soul

Horatio Spafford

Covenant Choir

arr. Mary McDonald

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, you have taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control;  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul!

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh my soul!

And, Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul!

It is well, it is well, with my soul, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul!

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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**

Lead Me Lord

George Fredric Handel

Zach Burnham, tenor; Emilio Vasquez, baritone

Lead me, Lord, lead me evermore; lead me in thy righteousness now and evermore.  
Let thy love, thy tender mercies be upon me, for thy law is my delight;  
quicken me in thy loving kindness,

Lead me, Lord, lead me evermore; lead me in thy righteousness now and evermore.

Teach me, Lord, the way of thy statutes;  
teach me, Lord, all thy commandments, for thy law is my delight.

Lead me, Lord, lead me evermore; lead me in thy righteousness now and evermore.  
I shall praise thee now and evermore.

**\*Doxology #572** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn #378** Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

**Scripture Lesson**

Philippians 2:19-30

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

Pew Bible Page 831, Large Print Bible Page 1828

*I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the Gospel. I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.*

*But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.*

*One: This is God's Word for God's People.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**



# Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven 26

*Bless the Lord. O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Psa. 103:2*

Psalm 103  
Henry F. Lyte, 1834

LAUDA ANIMA 8 7 8 7 8 7

John Goss, 1869

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, To His feet your  
2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To our fa - thers  
3. Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
4. An - gels in the height, a - dore Him, You be - hold Him

trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; Praise Him, still the same as ev - er,  
frame He knows, In His hands He gen - tly bears us,  
face to face; Saints tri - um - phant, bow be - fore Him;

Ev - er - more His prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Re - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Gath - ered in from ev - ery race. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace! A - men.

# 378 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

*The things that thou hast heard of me . . . commit thou to faithful men. II Tim. 2:2*

Frances R. Havergal, 1872

CANONBURY L.M.  
Robert A. Schumann, 1839

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In liv - ing ech - oes of Thy tone;  
2. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The pre - cious things Thou dost im-part;  
3. O fill me with Thy full - ness, Lord, Un - til my ver - y heart o'er-flow  
4. O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, Just as Thou wilt and when and where;

As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy err-ing chil - dren lost and lone.  
And wing my words, that they may reach The hid-den depths of many a heart.  
In kind-ling thought and glow - ing word Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.  
Un - til Thy bless - ed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glo - ry share. A-men.

# Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John Zundel, 1870

1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, Called to min-is-tries of grace,  
2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion. In a small or glob-al sense,  
4. So God grant us for to-mor-row Ways to or-der hu-man life

We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, Rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, Break-ing down each wall or fence.  
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row With a calm that con-que-rs strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, Side by side and friend with friend,  
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, All God's peo-ple, young and old,  
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, Words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, Our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

E - qual part - ners in our car - ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end.  
Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er Gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.  
Bring new power and strength for ac - tion, Make us col - leagues, free and fair.  
Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

## **This Week at CFPC**

### **Sunday, September 25**

9:15 AM — Choir Rehearsal  
9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School  
9:30 AM — Youth Bible Study  
10:30 AM — Worship  
11:30 AM — Fellowship Time in Metzger Hall  
11:45 AM — Deacon's Meeting/Open Forum

### **Wednesday, September 28**

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

### **Saturday, October 1**

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

## **Planning Ahead at CFPC**

### **Sunday, October 2**

9:15 AM — Choir Rehearsal  
9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School  
9:30 AM — Youth Bible Study  
10:30 AM — Worship  
11:30 AM — Neighborhood Fellowship

### **Wednesday, October 5**

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

### **Saturday, October 8**

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel  
11 AM — Downtown Living Tour



Next Sunday we will join together in the Lord's Supper or Communion. Sunday, October 2, is known as World Communion Sunday. We join with our sisters and brothers of Christian Faith in every nation around the Table of the Lord. Let's pray for our common mission of sharing the Gospel of Christ Jesus Christ.



### **Looking Ahead — Sunday, October 2**

It's our custom at Covenant-First to have the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month. In our Presbyterian heritage we are encouraged to have the Lord's Supper as often as weekly — and that was John Calvin's preference. (Calvin was a dominant influencer in the Presbyterian stream of the Protestant Reformation). Next Sunday we will begin teaching from Philippians 3, which is the Apostle Paul's "autobiography". He describes how he discovered that salvation comes only from God's grace. Interestingly, he discovered that his pedigree Jewish faith, knowledge of Scripture and rabbinic heritage counted for nothing when it came to knowing Jesus salvation. It is all grace . . . more on that next week.