

Service for the Lord's Day

Pre-Service Music

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Improvisation on *Dix*

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Marney Weis

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Let us celebrate and live into the hope of Christ's resurrection!

All: We will honor the God who calls us to new life!

One: Let us worship God in the hope of Christ's resurrection!

Prelude

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Fugue on *Ora Labora*

Andrew Hackett

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 #55

For the Beauty of the Earth

*Invocation

Marney Weis

One: Heavenly Father, creator of our human family, we are grateful that you have called us into relationships that bond us in faith. We proclaim that your promises are true and your goodness and love never fail. Draw us to yourself in this hour. May we honor, worship and adore you with every fiber of our being. You are our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we confess you as Lord, from generations past and present, and with all the angels that sing in heaven of your greatness and splendor. We love you, Lord, and we bow our hearts before you this morning. Amen

*Prayer of Confession

All: Comforting God, you call us to honor mothers and fathers and all our neighbors. Help us we pray. For today we gather grieving the deaths of parents, children, and loved ones. Grant us comfort. Others of us come bearing pains of abuse and neglect. Help us to forgive and grow into the dreams you had for us even before we were conceived. We gather today confessing that we are often too busy, distracted, or too satisfied to make room for you, our God. Forgive us we pray. Grant us the grace to call upon the Holy Spirit, your comforter, to calm us and give us courage for the living of each day. Come Holy Spirit, God our comforter.

***Moments of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon** Psalm 103:8-12

One: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. I declare to you that your sin is forgiven! This is the Good News.

All: Thanks be to God

***Gloria Patri #575** Glory Be to the Father

Anthem God Will Make a Way Don Moen
Covenant Choir and Congregation Arr. Mark Hayes

Please stand and join the choir, on verse three
singing the hymn *He Leadeth Me* (see bulletin pg. 7)

Litany of Thanksgiving

*One: Give thanks to the Lord who is good, for God's love is everlasting. Come, let us praise God joyfully.
Let us come to God with thanksgiving. For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and
awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;*

All: Thank you, God.

*One: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared
from birth until our dying;*

All: Thank you, God.

*One: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and
encouragement;*

All: Thank you, God.

*One: For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared;
for secrets kept in love;*

All: Thank you, God.

One: For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures;

All: Thank you, God.

*One: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden
sympathies;*

All: Thank you, God.

*One: For the young; for their high hopes; for their quick discovery of hypocrisy; for their search for freedom;
for their solemn vows;*

All: Thank you, God.

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One: For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;

All: Thank you, God.

One: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger;

All: Thank you, God.

One: For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

All: Thank you, God.

One: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

All: Thank you, God.

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

Ave Verum Corpus

W.A. Mozart

Covenant Choir

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis prægustatum
in mortis examine.

Translation:

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death!

*Doxology #572

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #531** Happy the Home when God is There

Scripture Lesson John 14:12-18 Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson
Pew Bible pg. 764 Large Print Bible pg. 1675

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Comforter Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

***Hymn** (see bulletin pg. 8) How Happy is Each Child of God

***Benediction**

Postlude Festive Fanfare Charles Callahan
Hayden Glasgow

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers on the communion table are given to the glory of God by Nancy Hobstetter in honor of her mother, Helen Hobstetter, in celebration of Mother's Day and her May birthday.

Calling all Ladies!!

Today as a way to celebrate Mother's Day we would like to offer a flower to each woman and girl in the congregation. To continue the celebration we invite women of all ages to gather on the front steps of the church directly following worship for a picture.

GOD WILL MAKE A WAY

(Incorporating *HE LEADETH ME! O BLESSED THOUGHT!*)

for congregation

Arranged by
MARK HAYES

Words and Music by
DON MOEN

Verse 1: God will make a way where there seems to be no way.
(Choir men only) He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me.
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side;
With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way, He will make a way.

Verse 1: God will make a way where there seems to be no way.
(Choir all voices) He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me.
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side;
With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way, He will make a way.

Verse 2: By a roadway in the wilderness He'll lead me, and rivers in the desert I will see.
(Choir all voices) Heaven and earth will fade, but His word will still remain.
He will do something new today.

Verse 1: God will make a way where there seems to be no way.
(Choir all voices) He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me.
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side;
With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way, He will make a way.

Verse 3: HE LEADETH ME! O BLESSED THOUGHT! - Choir and Congregation

Words by Joseph H. Gilmore (1834-1918); music by William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

He lead - eth me! O bless - ed thought! O words with
heav'n - ly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I
be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me! He lead - eth me, He
lead - eth me, By His own hand He lead - eth me; His faith - ful
fol - l'wer I would be, For by His hand He lead - eth me.

Choir Postlude: For by His hand He leadeth me. He will make a way.

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PSALM 128

How Happy Is Each Child of God

WINCHESTER OLD CM

Dwyn M. Mounger, 1986

Este's *Psalmes*, 1592

1. How hap - py is each child of God Who walks with - in God's ways!
2. With fruit - ful spouse you'll par - ent now Your chil - dren strong, a - dored;
3. How hap - py is the fam - i - ly Who hon - ors God a - bove!
4. May God's great peace, good health, and joy For - ev - er fill your home;

You'll reap good fruit from hon - est work, And joy in life al - ways.
Like ol - ive shoots they shall sur - round Your lad - en ta - ble board!
The Lord shall send all help and grace To bless your home with love.
May you and your de - scen-dants know For - ev - er God's sha - lom!

55 For the Beauty of the Earth

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. James 1:17

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Conrad Kocher, 1838
Arr. by William H. Monk, 1861

Folliott S. Pierpont, 1864

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour, Of the day and
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
 5. For each per - fect gift of Thine To our race so

of the skies, For the love which from our birth
 of the night, Hill and vale, and tree, and flow'r,
 mind's de - light, For the mys - tic har - mo - ny
 par - ent, child, Friends on earth and friends a - bove,
 free - ly, giv'n, Grac - es hu - man and di - vine,

O - ver and a - round us lies, Lord of all, to
 Sun and moon and stars of light, Lord of all, to
 Link - ing sense to sound and sight, Lord of all, to
 For all gen - tle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to
 Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, Lord of all, to

Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.
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 Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise. A - men.

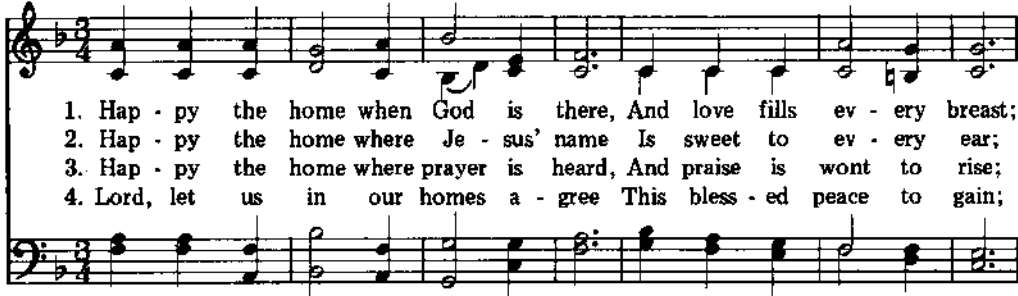
GOD THE FATHER

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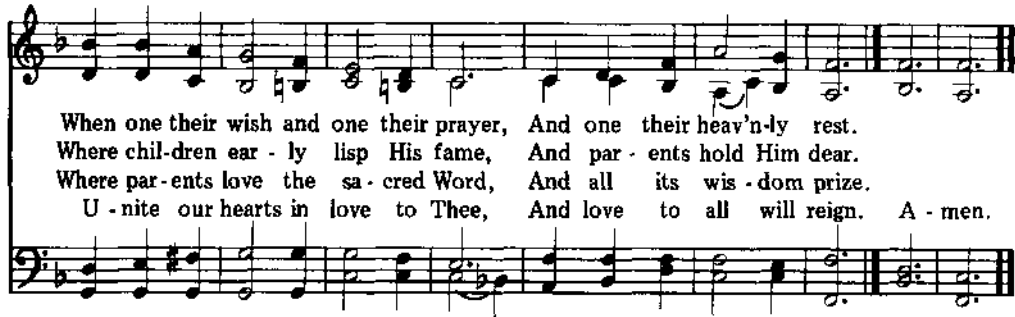
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Josh. 24:15

Henry Ware, Jr., 1846

ST. AGNES C.M.
John B. Dykes, 1866



1. Hap - py the home when God is there, And love fills ev - ery breast;
2. Hap - py the home where Je - sus' name Is sweet to ev - ery ear;
3. Hap - py the home where prayer is heard, And praise is wont to rise;
4. Lord, let us in our homes a - gree This bless - ed peace to gain;



When one their wish and one their prayer, And one their heav'n-ly rest.
Where chil-dren ear - ly lisp His fame, And par - ents hold Him dear.
Where par - ents love the sa - cred Word, And all its wis - dom prize.
U - nite our hearts in love to Thee, And love to all will reign. A - men.

Sunday, May 8 — Mother's Day

8:45 AM — Choir Rehearsal

9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School

9:30 AM — Teen Bible Study

10:30 AM — Worship

11:30 AM — Fellowship Time

Monday, May 9

6:30 PM — Session meeting in the Chapel

Wednesday, May 11

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

Saturday, May 14

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

Sunday, May 15

8:45 AM — Choir Rehearsal

9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School

9:30 AM — Teen Bible Study

10:30 AM — Worship

11:30 AM — Fellowship Time

11:30 AM — Nominating Committee

Wednesday, May 18

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

Saturday, May 21

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

10:30 AM — Mars Hill Graduation in the Sanctuary

Looking Ahead — Sunday, May 15

We are quickly coming up to Pentecost Sunday on June 5 – the day we remember as the birthday of the church! This was the day God's Spirit fulfilled Jesus' promise to send a comforter and teacher to live with us and do even greater works than they had experienced. Next week we will see the encounter of some disciples as they met the resurrected Lord Jesus who taught them from the Scriptural prophecies about his coming. We will focus on the Word of God next week – read Psalm 19 in preparation. This Psalm teaches us how God loves to reveal himself to those who seek him.