

PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Bolded together)

The Lord is our light and our salvation:

Of whom shall we be afraid?

The Lord is the stronghold of our life:

We will wait for the Lord in faithfulness.

Let us seek the Lord's face in this time of worship:

We will honour God's presence in our prayers and our praises!

PRAYER OF APPROACH (Together) God, ever creating, ever loving, ever leading: when things around us feel chaotic, you are peace. When so much we hear is not reliable, your word is truth. When we are paralyzed by fear and anxiety, your presence is freedom. When we feel bereft and helpless, your love gives us hope. We bring you our prayers and our praise this day, for you reveal yourself to us in the goodness of creation, in the love and mercy of Christ, your beloved, and through the energy and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. We worship you, Creator, Christ and Spirit, ever Three and ever One, Amen.

HYMN #813 Father, We Praise Thee All Verses

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together) God of compassion, we are creatures who seek our own comfort. We confess that we prefer our own plans to your purposes. We shrink from costly discipleship and put our own interests first. Forgive our fleeting commitment and the times we have indulged our own complaints. Have mercy on us. Inspire us with the energy to do your will and serve our neighbours in the example of Christ, your Son and our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister): Friends in Christ, while it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST Take a moment and greet each other

CHILDREN'S STORY (Children will go to Sunday School)

HYMN #638 Take Time to Be Holy All Verses

CHOIR ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 12:1-11

SERMON "Your rod and your staff, they comfort me"

HYMN #644 May the Mind of Christ My Saviour All Verses

OFFERING The offering can be placed on the offering plates at the back of the church before or during the service at the sound table, or at the front after the service.

DOXOLOGY #517 Verse 3 Offering is brought forward.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION We place these gifts into your hands, O God. Bless them with your transforming grace so that they may become seeds springing up with new life in the world you love. Fill our hearts with that same grace so we can bring hope to weary and worried lives in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE O God, we need the embrace of your presence, each in our own way. Anoint us with your Spirit of healing and hope, and bring peace to our lives and this world you love for the sake of Christ Jesus who taught us to pray together: **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

HYMN #794 Abide with Me Verses 1,3,4,5

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

Join us for refreshments in the west transept after worship

Palm Sunday Communion and Blyth Festival Orchestra
Sunday, April 13, 2025.

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