

**PRELUDE**

Lynn Jacobs

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.  
*(refrain)*

When I walk through the shades of death  
your presence is my stay;  
one word of your supporting breath  
drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,  
does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows;  
your oil anoints my head.

**WELCOME**

Rev. Lawrence H. Bartel

**CALL to WORSHIP**

One: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
Your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
Your judgments are like the great deep;  
You save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and  
Your faithfulness from the great congregation.  
**I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
With my mouth I will proclaim  
Your faithfulness to all generations.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Marcel van Bulck

Creator God, from whom we all have come,  
unto whom we shall return and  
in whom we live, move, and have our being,  
we praise you for your precious gift of life.

We thank you for the loving patience with  
which you teach us your truth,  
and for the deeper meanings of life  
which lies in sorrow, loss, and grief.

We praise your name for the revelation of your love  
in our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and for the hope set before us in the gospel.

**READING from SCRIPTURE**

1 Corinthians 13  
Matt Rudolph

**SONG of FAITH - All Things Bright & Beautiful**

#20

**Refrain**

**All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all thing wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.**

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors;  
God made their tiny wings.  
*(refrain)*

The purple headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky:  
*(refrain)*

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them everyone.  
*(refrain)*

We know that deep in the human heart  
there is a trust that life does not end with death.

Thank you, O God,  
for the faith that you will not leave us,  
but will care for us beyond what we can see,  
even as you have cared for us in this earthly life.  
Amen.

**READING from SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 23  
Judy Fisher

**SONG of FAITH - My Shepherd Will Supply My Need** #803

My Shepherd will supply my need;  
Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,  
beside the living stream.  
He bring my wandering spirit back  
when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,  
in paths of truth and grace.

**HOMILY**

**SONG of FAITH - Fairest Lord Jesus**

#630

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God to earth come down,  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor thou,  
my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring.  
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of all the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

**WORDS of REMEMBRANCE**

Mike Rudolph

**READING from SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 1  
Bill King

**THE BRIEF STATEMENT of FAITH (excerpts)**

In life and in death we belong to God.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding  
up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs  
with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake  
her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome  
the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves  
and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven  
and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ  
Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SONG of FAITH - Amazing Grace**

#649

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**A Service of Witness to the Resurrection:**

**A Celebration for the life of**

**Rebecca J. Rudolph**

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