



Plymouth

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

October 24, 2021 • 11 a.m.

PRELUDE

ALLEGRO ASSAI
(from *Drottningholm Music*)

Johann Helmich Roman
(born October 26, 1694)

WHAT GOD ORDAINS IS ALWAYS GOOD

Johann Ludwig Krebs
(born October 12, 1713)

Sonja Thompson, Associate Organist

OPENING HYMN

PRAISE TO OUR GOD
(see next page)

"Lobe den Herren"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beth Hoffman Faeth

One: How are we to live as God's beloved community?

***All:* We are to have attitudes and actions of compassion and justice.**

One: How are we to live as neighbors with One another?

***All:* We are to put on the garments of love and grace.**

One: Let us come before God in gratitude for all we have been given.

***All:* Let us unite heart, mind, and spirit, centered in hope.**

One: Let us worship with joy!

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

Doug Hoverson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Tender, loving God, 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 for ever. Amen.

PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Based on Psalms 103 and 150

Joachim Neander, 1680

Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.

Melody from "Erneuwerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund," 1665

Harmony from "The Chorale Book for England," 1863

1 Praise to our God, the Al-might-y, who brings us sal - va - tion.
2 Praise to our God, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing;
3 Praise to our God, who is ev - er our judge and de-fend - er,
4 Praise to our God! We will sing to our Mak - er for - ev - er!

O my soul, sing of the Source of all life and cre - a - tion!
And, like the shel - ter - ing wings of an ea - gle, sus - tain - ing.
Show-ing us mer - cy and grace like a shep-herd so ten - der.
All that has life and breath, join in the sing - ing to - geth - er.

Let all who hear now to God's tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain,

Join - ing in glad a - do - ra - tion.
Sent by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing?
If to that love we sur - ren - der.
Prais - ing the love none can sev - er.

PEACE CANDLE RESPONSE

Harold Darke

Oh Lord of every nation fill us with inspiration.
We know our own unfitness, yet for Thee would beat witness.
By Thy spirit now we raise to the God Incarnate praise;
Holy Ghost, Creator, Son, make us know Thee, ever One.
—F. C. Burkitt, 1920

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

DONA NOBIS PACEM
Peter Vitale, *accordion and percussion*

Frode Fjellheim
(2017)

God, grant us peace.

SCRIPTURE READING

COLOSSIANS 3:12–16

We continue our “Command to Preach” series, in which our membership selects the scripture. Hope Esparolini selected today’s readings and writes, “The enduring importance for me is how the words have become more dynamic. When I was younger, compassion always meant compassion for others—and the same with forgiveness and kindness: always for others, be it my husband, or stepchildren, other family members, friends, neighbors.

“But as I grew older, I allowed in these words and their meaning and depth for me, too, acknowledging my need for forgiveness, compassion. And I give thanks for their opening a new path, a wider path encompassing more people, visions, challenges and hopes. This scripture keeps my growing edge sharp and ever-expanding.”

SERMON

BINDING EVERYTHING TOGETHER

DeWayne L. Davis

ANTHEM

WORK

Melissa Dunphy
(2019)

You have been told that life is darkness and in your weariness
You echo what was said by the weary.

And I say that life is indeed darkness save when there is urge,
And all urge is blind save when there is knowledge.
And all knowledge is vain save when there is work,
And all work is empty save when there is love;

(continued)

And when you work with love
You bind yourself to yourself, and to one another,
And to God.

—Text adapted from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran

PASTORAL PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING
(see next pages)

“The Ash Grove”

COVENANT BLESSING & CHORAL AMEN

We covenant with you, O God, and one with another, and do bind ourselves in your presence to walk together in all your ways, according as you are pleased to reveal yourself to us in your blessed word of truth.

—based on the *Salem Covenant of 1629*

POSTLUDE

CARILLON

*Louis Vierne
(born October 8, 1870)*



ANNOUNCEMENTS are available on the church website.

WORSHIP STAFF: DeWayne L. Davis, *Lead Minister*; Beth Hoffman Faeth, *Minister for Congregational Care & Worship*; Seth Patterson, *Minister for Spiritual Formation & Theater*; Philip Brunelle, *Organist and Choirmaster*; Marie Scholtz, *Associate Music Director & First Service Music Coordinator*; Laura Caviani, *First Service Trio Director*; Cody Bourdot, *AV Production Manager*; Chris Bohnhoff, *Videographer*

ASSOCIATE ORGANIST-DIRECTOR: Sonja Thompson; **ADULT CHOIR:** Sonja Thompson, *director*; **ACCORDION AND PERCUSSION:** Peter Vitale

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.
Based on Genesis 1; Job 26:7-14, 38

THE ASH GROVE 12.11.12.11.D.
Welsh melody
Arr. Katherine K. Davis, 1939

1 Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing To
2 All law God en - forc - es, The stars in their cours - es, The
3 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, The

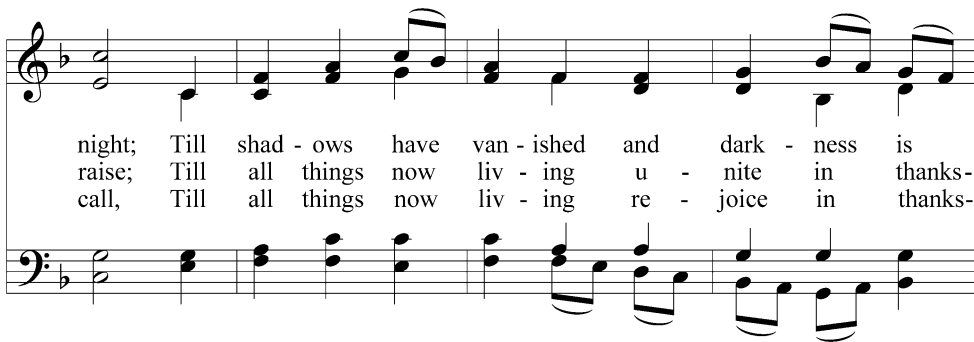
God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, Who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; The hills and the
tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us, By guid - ing us
moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains, The depths of the
shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing, Em - brac - ing God's

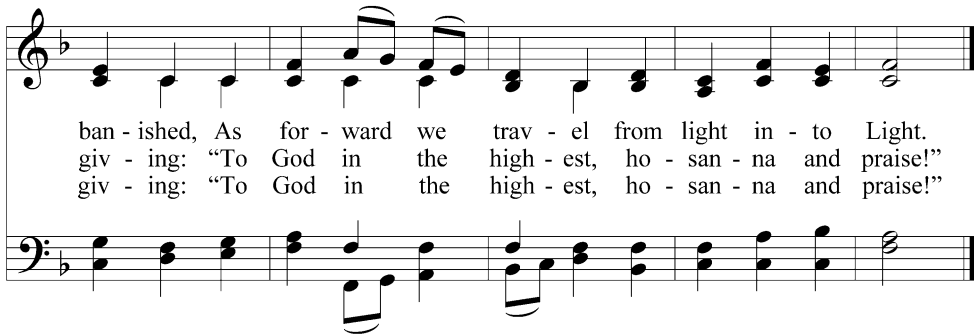
on to the end of our days. God's ban - ner is o'er us, Pure
o - cean pro - claim God di - vine. We, too, should be voic - ing Our
chil - dren of each tongue and place. God's grace did in - vite us, God's



light goes be - fore us, A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
 love and re - joic - ing With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us
 love shall u - nite us To work for God's peo - ple and an - swer the



night; Till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
 raise; Till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -
 call, Till all things now liv - ing re - joice in thanks -



ban - ished, As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
 giv - ing: "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"
 giv - ing: "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"