

“As a Christian, you are not a citizen of this world trying to get to heaven;
you are a citizen of heaven making your way through this world.”
-Vance Havner

Prelude

Eric Kochinowski

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Bob Goossen

Song of Praise “Great Are You, Lord”

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just;
by your power we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true;
by your mercy you prove you are love.
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice;
we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!
Great are you, Lord!

Prayer of Praise

Evan Linkimer

Hymn: “Morning Has Broken”

Soloist: Yazid Gray

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Refuge of our hearts, we must admit that all too often you are not the center of our lives. We find shelter in all the false securities the world offers, rather than grounding ourselves in your promises. Our emotions drive our fears, and so we end up making foolish choices, rather than being guided by the One who comes in your name.

We ask one thing of you, our God, that you not hide your face from us, but turn to us with forgiveness and hope. Be gracious to us, so we might share such grace with those around us. Open our hearts, as well as our eyes, to see the One who comes to gather us up and lead us into your kingdom, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *Silence is kept...*

Assurance of Forgiveness (responsively)

Gathered up in God's grace, we become forgiven and whole. We can lift glad songs of joy to the One who makes us new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

“Gloria Patri”

Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Song of Illumination: "I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"

I to the hills will lift my eyes; From whence shall come my aid?
My help is from the Lord alone, Who heaven and earth has made.

Your faithful keeper is the Lord, Your shelter and your shade;
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, You shall not be afraid.

The Scripture Lesson: Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Children's Chat

Special Music

Sermon: "Rock Hopping"

An Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

Who has created and is creating,
Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
Who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

To celebrate God's presence,
To love and serve others,
To seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

An Invitation to Our Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn: "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

Refrain:

In bold accord,
Come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
Through the ages long!
(Refrain)

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed
Over the ages long!
(Refrain)

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

We are delighted to welcome Yazid Gray as our soloist today. Yazid is a second-year Pittsburgh Opera Resident Artist in 2020-21. Mr. Gray is originally from Gaithersburg, Maryland. He holds music degrees from DePauw University and the University of Michigan.