

WORSHIP SERVICE October 25, 2020 Missions Sunday



Amplification devices are available from ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Ben Tzeng Themes and Keywords: mission, gifts, serve

PRELUDE

Corrente from Partita in G Major All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

J.S. Bach W. Oquin

STANDING (IF ABLE)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 96:1-3

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

WE PRAISE GOD



WE PRAY FOR GOD TO HELP US WORSHIP

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
He died for us that we might live for him.

SEATED

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS OUR SIN

from Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

God of grace, you have called us into your mission wherever we are to share the good news of Jesus with others, to bind up the brokenhearted and comfort all who mourn, and to use our gifts to serve others.

But we are prone to let busyness blind us to the needs of others, to be more concerned for our own comfort than your mission, to let fear keep us from speaking truth to others, and to be complacent in what is familiar to us rather than moving forward into new opportunities to serve. Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, fix our eyes firmly on Jesus, and lead us by your Holy Spirit to press on toward the prize of knowing Christ and becoming like him and to invest our lives by faith in the mission of your kingdom for your great glory and our great joy.

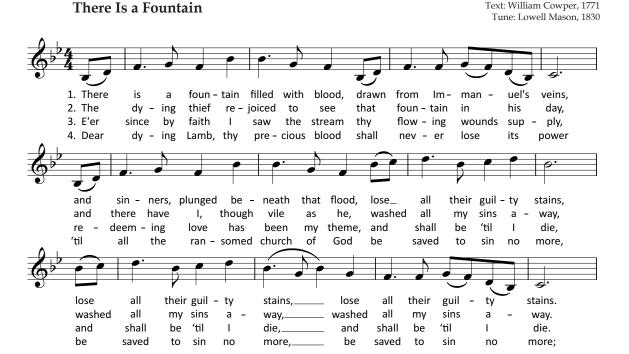
We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. In Christ, God's divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

Hallelujah, Amen!

WE PRAISE GOD

Children ages 3 - 1st grade are invited to Children's Church during the song and will return during the offering.





SEATED

GOD INSTRUCTS US IN SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:13-14

 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOD INSTRUCTS US IN PREACHING

"Moving Forward..." Rev. Randy Mayfield

Sermon Notes:

WE OFFER OURSELVES IN GIFTS AND SONG



WE HEAR TESTIMONY OF GOD'S MISSION

David and Jane Kendagor, Kenya

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

(prayers for the church and the world)

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.

Forward

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Randy Mayfield and the All-Star Band

It's been a long, long road, it's been a crooked path, With many twists and turns, but I'm not looking back. I'm walking straight ahead, trusting what You've said, That You will be with me, whatever life may bring.

Forward, I'm going forward
To the plans You have for me, to horizons yet unseen.
Forward, to Your new mercies I will find
As I'm pressing toward the prize, I'm going forward.

It's been a long, long time, I've been stayin' where it's safe, But there's so much I will miss, if I don't leave this ol' familiar place. Troubles, they will come, but I know You'll make a way, As I take each step of faith, You will lead me by Your grace.

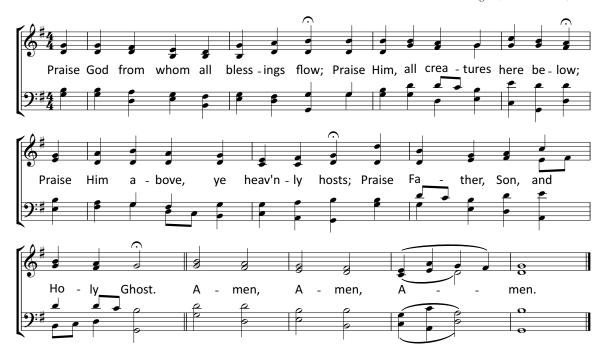
Forward, I'm going forward, To the plans You have for me, to horizons yet unseen. Forward, to Your new mercies I will find As I'm pressing toward the prize, surrendering my life, Leaving fearful ways behind, I'm going forward.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

And all God's people said...

Hallelujah! Amen.



Postlude

We invite you to remain seated to view a live interview with a few of our international missionaries.

The flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Bill Toole by his family.

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