

Sunday, July 31, 2022, 9:30am

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Call to Worship

*God's Greeting of His People

*Contemporary Testimony Stanza 1

One: As followers of Jesus Christ,
living in this world—
which some seek to control,
and others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust:

All: Our world belongs to God!

*Song: **"This Is My Father's World"**

1 This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad.

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*Contemporary Testimony Stanzas 2 and 3

One: From the beginning,
through all the crises of our times,
until the kingdom fully comes,
God keeps covenant forever:

All: Our world belongs to God!

One: God is King: Let the earth be glad!

All: Christ is victor: His rule has begun!

One: The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed!

All: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

One: Still, despair and rebellious pride fill the earth:
some, crushed by failure
or broken by pain,
give up on life and hope and God;
others, shaken,

but still hoping for human triumph,
work feverishly to realize their dreams.

**All: As believers in God,
we also struggle with the spirits of this age,
resisting them in the power of the Spirit,
testing them by God's sure Word.**

***Song: "Spirit of the Living God"**

1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all.
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

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***Contemporary Testimony Stanza 5**

One: God holds this world with fierce love.
Keeping His promise,
He sends Jesus into the world,
pours out the Holy Spirit,
and announces the good news:
sinners who repent and believe in Jesus
live anew as members of the family of God—
the firstfruits of a new creation.

***Song: "Because He Lives"**

1 God sent His Son; they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
and life is worth the living just because He lives

3 And then one day, I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives

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Moment for Ministry: Bike Trip report

Time for Prayer

Offering

Moment for Ministry: Streams of Hope

*Song: **"I Surrender All"**

1 All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

Chorus

I surrender all, I surrender all;
all to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

2 All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
let me feel Thy Holy Spirit, truly know that Thou art mine.

3 All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me.

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Scripture Reading: Luke 13:1-9

Sermon: **"Parable Pointers-It's the Fruit!"**

Prayer

*Song of Commitment: **"Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit"**

1 Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit! How I need Your help divine!
In the way of life eternal, keep, O keep this heart of mine.

Chorus

Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit, gracious Teacher, Friend divine!
For the kingdom work that calls me, O prepare this heart of mine.

2 Grant to me Your sacred presence; then my faith will ne'er decline.
Comfort me and help me onward; fill with love this heart of mine.

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*God's Parting Blessing