

Sunday, October 1, 2023, 9:30 am

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

1 Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ, our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

Christ is our guide and friend; to us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Christian Henry Bateman, Spanish folk melody; arr. Benjamin Carr; harm. David Evans

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*"Let All Things Now Living"

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving

to God the Creator triumphantly raise,

who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

who guides us and leads to the end of our days.

His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,

a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,

'til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,

as forward we travel from light into light.

2 His law He enforces: the stars in their courses,

and sun in its orbit, obediently shine;

the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,

the deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,

with glad adoration a song let us raise,

'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving

to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

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*"Holy, Holy, Holy"

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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Offering – Impact Burundi
Offertory Music by Shofar Brass

***“We Are an Offering”**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You; We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours; We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
All that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You; We are an offering, we are an offering.

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Time for Prayer

Bible Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

Sermon: “Invitation to Community”

Prayer

***“We are Called to Be God’s People”**

1 We are called to be God’s people,
Showing by our lives His grace,
One in heart and one in spirit,
Sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how He has changed us
And remade us as His own;
Let us share our life together
As we shall around His throne.

2 We are called to be God's servants,
Working in His world today;
Taking His own task upon us,
All His sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to His summons,
Dedicate to Him our all.
That we may be faithful servants,
Quick to answer now His call.

3 We are called to be God's prophets,
Speaking for the truth and right;
Standing firm for godly justice,
Bringing evil into light.
Let us seek the courage needed,
Our high calling to fulfill,
That we all may know the blessing
Of the doing of God's will.

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*God's Blessing

***"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

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