

Welcome

Call to Worship

Minister: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.”

Congregation: “**And also with you.**”

Minister: “You have heard the invitation of Christ.”

Congregation: “**We have come to this quiet place for rest and renewal.**”

Hymn – CH4 213 - Every new morning

1. Every new morning God gives us freely
hearts that are thankful, strength for the task,
people who love us, joy in our service,
all we have need of if we but ask.
2. God will be with us in all our thinking,
in all our speaking, in all we do;
and as we praise him by all our actions,
he will be with us, our journey through.
3. God in the morning, God in the noontide,
God in the evening, all through the day;
God is within us, and all around us,
God goes before us, all of the way.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

All Age Talk

Hymn – CH4 210 – Awake my soul

1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Your daily stage of duty run;
shake off your sleep, and joyful rise
to pay your morning sacrifice.
2. Wake, and lift up yourself, my heart,
and with the angels take your part,
who all night long unwearied sing
high praise to the eternal King.
3. Lord, I my vows to you renew;
disperse my sins as morning dew,
guard my first springs of thought and will,
and with thyself my spirit fill.
4. Direct, control, suggest, this day
all I design, or do, or say;
that all my powers, with all their might,
in your sole glory may unite.
5. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, you heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Scripture Reading (NIV) – Isaiah 44:6-8 – ⁶“This is what the Lord says—Israel’s King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. ⁷ Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me that has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come—yes, let them foretell what will come. ⁸ Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

Scripture Reading (NIV) – Psalm 139: 1-12 & 23, 24 - ¹ You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. ² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. ⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. ¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,” ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. ²³ Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Hymn - CH4 144 – Lord of all hopefulness

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Scripture Reading (NIV) – Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43 – ²⁴Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ ²⁸ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ ²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’” ³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will

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be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Sermon

Dedication of Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Minister: “Lord, make us one in the Spirit,”

Congregation: “***That the church may bear your fruit.***”

Hymn – CH4 236 – March on, my soul

1. March on, my soul, with strength,
march forward, void of fear;
he who has led will lead,
through each succeeding year;
and as you journey on your way,
his hand shall hold you day by day.

2. March on, my soul, with strength,
in ease you dare not dwell;
your Master calls you forth;
then up, and serve him well!

Take up your cross, take up your sword,
and fight the battles of your Lord!

3. March on, my soul, with strength,
with strength, but not your own;
the conquest you shall gain,
through Christ your Lord alone;
his grace shall power your feeble arm,
his love preserve you safe from harm.

4. March on, my soul, with strength,
from strength to strength march on;
warfare shall end at length,
all foes be overthrown.
And then, my soul, if faithful now,
the crown of life awaits your brow.

Benediction & Amen

Hymn - MP 460 - May God's Blessing surround you

May God's blessing surround you each day,
as you trust Him and walk in His way.

May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.