

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn - MP 39 - A Still Small Voice

A still small voice in the heart of the city
A still small voice on the mountain
Through the storms that are raging, or the quiet of the evening
It can only be heard if you listen.

The voice of God in a place that is troubled
The voice of God in the hush before the dawn
There through the shouting, there in the sleeping
It can only be heard if you listen.

Give us time to listen, give us love to hear you
Give us wisdom that we may understand
A still small voice to each of us is speaking
If we only have time to listen.

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Prayer

Reading: Ecclesiastes 11: 1 - 6 – 1 Ship your grain across the sea; after many days you may receive a return. 2 Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land. 3 If clouds are full of water, they pour rain on the earth. Whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where it falls, there it will lie. 4 Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap. 5 As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things. 6 Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let your hands not be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.

Reading – Acts 8: 9 - 25 – 9 Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, 10 and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God." 11 They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. 12 But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. 14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. 15 When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money 19 and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." 20 Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! 21 You have no part or share in this ministry, because

your heart is not right before God. 22 Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. 23 For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin." 24 Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me." 25 After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.

Sermon

Prayer

Hymns (Led by Joyful Noise)

MP 746 - What a Friend we have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear –
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness –
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge!
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.

Hymn - He will hold me fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold, through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast

For my Saviour loves me so

He will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises will last
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

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For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life, He will hold me fast
When our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last.

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Hymn – A new commandment

A new commandment I give unto you
That you love one another, as I have loved you
That you love one another, as I have loved you
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples
If you have love one for another.

Hymn - Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love,
Where there is injury Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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Dedication of Offering

Benediction & Amen

Hymn - MP 460 - May God's blessing

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.