



Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

“My Life Flows On”

Elizabeth Tombouliau
Jaime Johnson, violin

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*Call to Worship

L: We are here to worship the God who inhabits our world and gives us life.

P: **We need not look up to find God, we need only look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of one another.**

L: We need not listen for distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, and the rhythm of a heartbeat.

P: **We worship the God who inhabits our world and gives us life.**

*Hymn of Invitation

“Marching to Zion”

UMH 733

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**Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.**

Chorus

**We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

**Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. (*Chorus*)**

**The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. (*Chorus*)**

**Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. (*Chorus*)**



***We Affirm Our Faith**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,**

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**to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Glory Be to the Father

UMH 70

Lesser Doxology

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end, Amen! Amen!**

A Season of Prayer

Invitation to Prayer

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*singing*)

UMH 896

**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!**

Special Music

“To the Sky”

Jaime Johnson - violin

by Carl Strommen Adapted from Prospect,

Ginny Hildebrand – voice

Southern Folk Songs Compiled and Edited by Jay Althouse,

Carolyn Swinsick - piano

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Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

L: This is the word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God!

Song of Preparation

“Give Thanks”

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**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son!**

**And now let the weak say I am strong; let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son!**

Give thanks! Give thanks!

Message

“By Grace, Be Courageous”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

Elizabeth Tombouliau

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

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*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

**Bountiful God, your love bears the fruit of hope and grace; your ways lead to
fullness of life. May today’s offering bear fruit in our world, that your love may
cause old hatreds to cease, old wounds heal, and old divisions mend. Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise

“Forward Through the Ages”

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**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.**

Chorus

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

**Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.**

**Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.**

(Chorus)

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;

**in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal.
(Chorus)**

*Sending Forth with Blessing

L: Go in peace!

**P: In the power of the Holy Spirit, we go forth into the world to be the people of God,
the body of Christ!**

*Music for Going Forth

“Trading My Sorrows”

Elizabeth Tomboulian

by Darrell Evans

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