

**Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**Invocation****Voluntary**

*Concerto in G*  
Ann Morgan Fallaw, *violin*

Antonio Vivaldi

**\* Chiming of the Trinity****\* Processional Hymn No. 73**

*O Worship the King*

*Lyons*

**\* Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried,

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Anthem**

*The Time for Singing has Come!*

Natalie Sleeth

The time for singing has come, the time for singing a joyful song to God, the Lord, has come.

The time for praising is here, the time for praising the Lord above with songs of love is here.

For lo, the winter is past, the cold is over and done,

The flow'rs appear on the earth, the world's awakening begun!

The time of sorrow is gone, the hour of grieving is through,

The heart rejoices to greet the dawn and hope is born to all anew.

The time for singing has come, the time for singing a joyful song to God, the Lord, has come.

The time for praising is here, the time for praising the Lord above with songs of love is here.

Blessed, blessed shall they be, all who praise with melody,

Let the chorus fill the air, God's great goodness to declare.

**Welcome and Announcements**

Delan Stevens, Lay Leader

**Morning Prayers****Silent Prayers****Pastoral Prayer****The Lord's Prayer**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Offertory**

*Andante con moto* (from Sonata V)

Felix Mendelssohn

**Offertory Anthem**

*Offertory*

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings; shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He hath shown you, O man; He hath shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of

you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**\* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Doxology No. 95

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

**Children's Moments**

*Esther, the Beauty Queen, Queen*

Mr. Mac

*Children ages three through first-grade may go to Children's Church in room 216.*

*Nurseries are provided for infants through age three in rooms 115 and 117.*

**\* Hymn No. 526**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*Converse*

**Scripture**

Esther 4: 9-14

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

*"...for such a time as this"*

Rev. Kinnett

\* Hymn No. 530

*Are Ye Able*

*Beacon Hill*

*You are invited to the altar during the singing of this hymn.  
Kneel ... commune with God ... return to your pew when ready.*

\* Benediction and Choral Response

\* Chiming of the Trinity

\* Voluntary

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Johann Pachelbel

\* *All who are able, please stand.*

Sermon Notes:

Scripture: Esther 4: 9-14

Sermon: *"...for such a time as this"*

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in honor of Robert and Cindy Harper's  
thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Evening Service in the Hut  
Speaker: Dr. Val Dunham

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