

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

April 14, 2013
Six O'clock

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *En Bateau* C. Debussy
Sadie Henderson and Caroline Rhett

“My word that goes out from my mouth, it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.” Isaiah 55:11-12

Gracious Father... there's just something about mountains that causes my heart to feel the greatness of your glory and grace—the weightiness of your majesty and the endlessness of your mercy. What a glorious creation... what a magnificent Creator you are... Indeed, Father, the works of your hands declare your glory, loud and clear. For those who have ears to hear, there is no place in all creation where your loving and wooing voice cannot be heard singing your praise. (Psalm 19:1-6) But, Father, these words of Isaiah envision a Day when the mountains themselves will burst into song—the new song of the new creation... the regenerating, renewing and restoring melody of the gospel. Though your glory is clearly revealed in the beauty of your creation, it is revealed ten thousand times more in the redemption that you freely give us in Jesus. Jesus is the Alps of your mercy, grace and love for us. Because of Jesus, we, your redeemed people, will go out in joy and be led for into the peace—into the shalom—the perfect order, society, environment and world of the new heaven and new earth. You have spoken... you have promised... and so shall it be. Your Word will accomplish everything you decree and every one of your delights. Hasten that Day, Father. Bring in on... make it happen, the sooner the better. In light of the Day of singing mountains and clapping trees, we enter this week groaning inwardly and waiting expectantly... confident that your Word will not return empty (Romans 8:18-27). Joy is coming to the world because Jesus has come to the world, and is coming again. So very Amen, we pray, in His matchless and merciful name. (Scotty Smith)

Corporate Call to Worship Psalm 148

Minister: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

Minister: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.

People: And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Minister: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

People: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

Minister: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

All: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!

Choral Call to Worship *Festival Alleluia* Allen Pote
4th-6th grades choir

Sing unto God all the heavens and earth, Alleluia. Clap your hands, rejoice and sing a joyful song. Sing it loudly, sing it merrily, sing it softly, sing with a beautiful melody. Sing unto God, all the heavens and earth, alleluia. Celebrate, and with a cheerful voice sing alleluia, sing it from your heart. Make your life a song to God. Listen to the rhythm, to the rhythm of creation, listen to the beat of life. Wake up to the wonder of a world in celebration, wake up to a world of light, and sing, children, sing alleluia, praise to the Lord above. Sing, children, sing alleluia, God is love.

Invocation Rev. Sean Michael Lucas

***Hymn 115** All Creatures of Our God and King

Musical Offering *Everywhere I Go* Natalie Sleeth
2nd-3rd grades choir

Everywhere I go the Lord is near me. If I call upon Him, He will hear me. Never will I fear, for the Lord is near everywhere I go. In the dark of night should things alarm me, ever in His sight, no ill may harm me. I will be of cheer for the Lord is near, everywhere I go. He is with me day by day. He will be my strength and stay; from His path I will not stray but follow in His way. In the coming days of joy or sadness, I will praise His name with songs of gladness. For to me it's clear that the Lord is near everywhere I go.

Missions Moment Rev. Les Newsom

Songbook 34 Holy Spirit
(Children will be dismissed to 4 Corner's Café during the last verse.)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Exodus 32:1-14, 30-35; 33:1-6, 15-17

Sermon "In Our Image" Rev. Les Newsom

***Hymn 401** All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.



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