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Come and Worship the Lord

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Prelude

French Carol from Chartres

Richard Purvis

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: God has called us to gather together as beloved children.

**People: We come ready to share our authentic selves, our hearts,
with God and one another.**

Leader: Wherever we are in our faith journey, God meets us right where
we are, calling us out from isolation and fear into sacred
community.

**People: We come to humbly praise and worship the One who chose
vulnerability for the sake of perfect love.**

Hymn

O God Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in a - ges past,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne,
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges, in thy sight,

our hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 still may we dwell se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 or earth re - ceived her frame, from ev - er - last - ing,
 are like an eve - ning gone; short as the watch that

6 storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.

Opening Prayer

Vulnerable God, Jesus became vulnerable to the human experience; he came to be with us, brought healing to our relationship with God, and set us on a path to become our full selves. He came to be *for* others and *with* others. Lead us to take the same risk of growing together. Help us develop our vulnerability and courage, that we may help others feel safe and be vulnerable in community, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Chorus

Let There Be Love

Let there be love shared among us, Let there be love in our eyes.
May now Your love sweep this nation. Cause us, O Lord to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding of brotherly love that is real.
Let there be love shared among us. Let there be love.

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own
advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Message

Courage to be Vulnerable

Part one of a four-part series entitled "Courage"

Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be

(verses 1 and 3)

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no

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Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;

let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and
filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver
it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my

let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Offering Conversation

Special Music – Patti Dee McNeill

Go Light Your World

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

Let There Be Peace on Earth

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the bass part providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. *With God our cre - a - tor, chil - dren all are we. Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny." The score consists of five systems of two staves each. The first system starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second system continues the melody. The third system introduces a new melodic line. The fourth system continues the melody. The fifth system concludes the phrase with a final cadence.

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Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment

now. With ev - ery step I take, let

this be my sol - emn vow: to take each mo - ment and

live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

Benediction

Postlude

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Bram Bruin

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