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Come and Worship the Lord

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Welcome

Naamah Leary

***Call to Worship**

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Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come to hear the choir sing again, and we have come to learn about God!**

Leader: Yes, we have come to learn about God. But who is God?

People: **For thousands of years, God has been identified in many different ways. God has been given many different names. God has been painted with many different appearances. But today, we will learn that one word is all it takes to define who God is.**

Prelude

Adoration

Richard Purvis

*Hymn No. 139

Praise to the Lord

(verses 1, 2, and 5)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a -

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend

4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re - store

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -

ing bears thee on ea - gle's wings, e'er in his keep-ing main -

thee; sure - ly his good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -

thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -

him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw

tain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up -

tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might-y can

fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth

fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -

near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!

holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?

do. who with his love doth be - friend thee.

speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.

gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

***Opening Prayer**

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Lord, thank you for waking us up this morning! Thank you for calling us to the sanctuary and to our screens to connect with you and your people. For the things that went well this week, we thank you. We thank you for being present in our bad times. That is who you are! You are a constant, loving and supportive presence in our lives. Help us learn how to show others that you are with them too! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Chorus**

I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

**I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.**

**With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness.
With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations.**

**I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.**

Senior Choir

Praise to God

Aberystwyth

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

1 John 4:7-13

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Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

Message

Who Is God?

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

"Adagio" from Fantaisie

César Franck

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 358

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

(verses 1, 2, and 5)

1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
3. O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O
4. Drop thy still dew of qui - et - ness, till
5. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy

give our fool - ish ways; re - clothe us in our
side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let

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right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy
of the Lord, let us, like them, with -
share with thee the si - lence of e -
strain and stress, and let our or - dered
flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake,

ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

*Benediction

Postlude

Festival Voluntary

Flor Peeters

* All in the congregation who are able, please stand.