

A Service of Prayer and Praise
November 27, 1996

Introit "Surely the Presence of the Lord" Lanny Wolfe

*Call to Worship

Leader: Can any praise be worthy of the Lord's majesty?

**People: How magnificent is God's strength!
How inscrutable is God's wisdom!**

Leader: Humans are one of your creatures, Lord,
and our instinct is to praise you...

**People: The thought of you stirs us so deeply that we cannot
be content unless we praise you, because you made
us for yourself and our hearts find no peace until
they rest in you.**

Adapted from St. Augustine of Hippo as found in Prayers for Peace by Runcie and Hume.

*Hymn "To God Be the Glory" UMH 98

*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in love you spread good gifts before us, more
than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We
confess that we always want more; that we never share as freely as
you give. We resent what we lack, and are jealous of neighbors.
We misuse what you intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn
greed, and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us to take such
pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

From The Worshipbook Services.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 26:36-45

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Praise Choruses

"Glorify Thy Name"

"In His Presence"

"Holy Ground"

Donna Adkins

Dick and Melodie Tunney

Geron Davis

Psalm 103 1-18

UMH 824

Solo

"Celebrate His Good Life"

Kris Meyer

Steve Green

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, by your providence we live and work and join in families; and from your hand receive those things we need, gift on gift, all free. We thank you for the harvest of goodness you supply: for food and shelter, for words and gestures, for all our human friendships. Above all, we praise you for your Son, who came to show mercy, and who names us his own brothers and sisters. Glory to you for great kindness to us and all your children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Scripture

Colossians 3 12-17

Anthem

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

Isaac Watts

arr by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Prayer of the People

We draw near to thee who hast taught us to cast all our care on thee,
Our Father, which art in heaven.

We are as children who have lost their way in the world's wilderness and we cry to thee,

Our Father, which art in heaven.

Through persistent desire in all nations to seek fellowship with one another in thy one family;

Hallowed by thy name.

Through ever-deepening aspiration towards justice, goodwill, and peace in all the world;

Hallowed be thy name.

By the faithfulness of thy people in seeking first thy kingdom and thy righteousness,

Thy kingdom come.

By the vindication of right and by the growth of mutual understanding between nations and races,

Thy kingdom come.

In the maintenance of the spirit of love and equity even in the midst of strife or war;

Thy will be done.

In the determination among all to work for secure peace in a world order that is fair to the generations yet to be,

Thy will be done.

By co-operation among all nations and classes for the common good;

Give us our daily bread.

By the sympathy which gives help to the needy both at home and far away;

Give us our daily bread.

Because by our self-interest and self-concern we have increased the bitterness between people and between nations,

Forgive us our trespasses.

Because we have trusted in our own wisdom and strength and have neglected thee,

Forgive us our trespasses.

If other countries, while pursuing their own interests, have unduly hindered ours,

We forgive them that trespass against us.

If any have injured us by threat or by attack;

We forgive them that trespass against us.

When opportunity comes to secure wealth for ourselves at the cost of increased poverty to others,

Lead us not into temptation.

When suffering and anxiety prompt feelings of bitterness and hatred;

Lead us not into temptation.

At times of self-satisfaction, self-seeking, and self-confidence,

Deliver us from evil.

At times of fear concerning the designs of others and of desire to gain security or advantage by unjust means;

Deliver us from evil.

For over all races and nations thou rulest as King; thy fatherly love embraces all; and in thy will is our peace,

Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

By William Temple (adapted) from Prayers for Peace.

*Hymn

"This Is My Song"

UMH 437

*Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders
Nancy Dixon-Walton
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Kris Meyer
Bruce Case
Ken Buckingham

"Glorify Thy Name"

1. Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,
2. Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You,
3. Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You,

Chorus:

Glorify Thy name in all the earth. Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

"In His Presence"

1. In His presence there is comfort, In His presence there is peace.
When we seek the Father's heart
We will find such bless'd assurance, In the presence of the Lord.
2. In Your presence there is comfort, In Your presence there is peace.
When we seek to know Your heart
We will find such bless'd assurance, In Your holy presence, Lord.

"Holy Ground"

We are standing on holy ground, And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now, We are standing in His presence on holy ground.