

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Lasst uns Erfreuen

All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness.
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit three in one!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Truro

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the king of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ; adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer come! I open wide my heart to thee; dear Lord abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal!

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Chosen by God in Christ"

Dr. Sumner

HYMN "I will Come to You"

You are mine

I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.
Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me.
Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name.
Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am the Word that leads all to freedom;
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now and walk and live!
Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

This congregation continues to need offerings to support the staff and missions we have. You may mail checks to us or have your checks mailed regularly from your bank at no cost to you. Otherwise, you may give by credit or debit card by going to www.wbts.org and clicking "Donate now."

OFFERTORY "All Praise to Thee"

Buxtehude

DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Unison)

Holy God, you have claimed us, and in our gratitude we offer back our devotion to you. Accept and bless our tithes and offerings, we pray, so that they will make a difference in the lives of others. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Westminster Abbey

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone.
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;

holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.
To this temple where we call you, come O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come with all your loving kindness; hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain;
What they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Allegro from the Eighth Organ Concerto" Handel

Organist: *Kendra Cochenour*
Worship Leader: *Mary Ann Sumner*
Worship Leader: *Jeanne Keiper*
Worship Leader: *Janet Lindfors*
Videographer: *Kristin Downer*