

Laity Sunday
November 14, 2021
10 am

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Preservice Praise Music

Prelude

Ave Verum Corpus
W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Andy Potts

Welcome

Call to Worship

Brothers and sisters, come and worship!
For we are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation.
God's very own family!
**Let us proclaim together the goodness of God,
who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light!**

Opening Song

Let Them See You in Me
JJ Weeks | Scotty Wilbanks

Northside Chapel Praise Band

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Verse 1

Take away the melodies | Take away the songs I sing
Take away all the lights | And all the songs You let me write
Does the man I am today | Say the words You need to say

Chorus

Let them see You in me | Let them hear You when I speak
Let them feel You when I sing | Let them see You
Let them see You in me

Verse 2

Who am I without Your grace | Another smile another face
Another breath a grain of sand | Passing quickly through Your hand
I'd give my life I'm not afraid | Take it all take everything

Chorus

Let them see You in me | Let them hear You when I speak
Let them feel You when I sing | Let them see You
Let them see You in me

Bridge

With every breath I breathe I sing a simple melody
But I pray they'll hear more than a song in me, in me

Chorus (x2)

Opening Prayer

(unison)

Lord God, we give You thanks for all Your gifts to us—for daily food, for health, for each breath we take, for freedom to choose, and for the gifts of Your word, Your

power and Your love. Our hearts are truly overwhelmed, O God, when we consider how You have entrusted so much to us. Make us worthy of that trust. May we be a people who are unafraid to live as fully and richly as You want us to live, so that when people see us, they might also see You. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

A Message for Young Disciples

Linda Morrison

Anthem

Faith Will Make a Way

Chancel Singers

Tracy Tambaoan, soloist

Carney | Foldy | Foldy | arr. Josh Stewart

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Proclamation and Response

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New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:1-10

¹ Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

The Priesthood of All Believers

Tony Trcka

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition (Contemporary Version)

I am no longer my own, but Yours.
Put me to what You will, place me with whom You will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for You or set aside for You,
Praised for You or criticized for You.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things to Your glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
You are mine, and I am Yours. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

Response

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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Verse 1

I am weak, but Thou art strong | Jesus, keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long | As I walk, let me walk close to Thee

Refrain

Just a closer walk with Thee | Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee | Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

Verse 2

Through this world of toil and snares | If I falter, Lord, who cares
Who with me my burden shares | None but Thee, dear Lord, none but thee **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

When my feeble life is o'er | Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently, safely o'er | To thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore **(Refrain)**

A Prayer for Veterans

Prayers of the People Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Prayer

Closing Hymn

No Turning Back with I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Brandon Heath Knell | David Leonard | Leslie Jordan

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Verse 1

I have decided, I called out His name | I'm following Jesus now and He knows the way

Pre-Chorus

I made up my mind, I'll leave it behind

Chorus

No turning back, No turning back | I'm moving on, Not looking back

I'm giving him, All that I have | No turning back, No turning back

Verse 2

Though I may wander, I am not lost | So many distractions, but I, I look to the cross

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

You want to come with me | He loves you the same

Oh, won't you come with me? | Just call out his name

Bridge 2

Say I have decided (*I have decided*) | To follow Jesus (*To follow Jesus*)

Say I have decided (*I have decided*) | I'm following Jesus, following Jesus

Chorus (2x)

Ending

I have decided to follow Jesus | I have decided to follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus | No turning back, no turning back

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Verse 1

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus No turning back, no turning back

Verse 2

The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me,

The world behind me, the cross before me, No turning back, no turning back

Verse 3

Though none go with me, still I will follow, Though none go with me, still I will follow,

Though none go with me, still I will follow, No turning back, no turning back

Sending Forth

Announcements

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Forward Through the Ages

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