

RESPONSE "Gloria, Gloria"
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Gloria (Taize)

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 111: 1-5

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"O Lord, You are My God and King"

C. Hubert Parry

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5: 15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Joy of Giving Thanks and Praise"

Dr. Sumner

HYMN

"Praise Him, Praise Him!"

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.

Love Him, love Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Love Him, love Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.

Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.

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

"I Thank Thee, Lord"

Bach

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)

Thank you, Holy God. Thank you for giving us this fantastic life in this amazing world. Thank you for giving us salvation in Jesus our Christ. Thank you for the love we receive from others. We return to you our offerings and dedicate them to be used to glorify your name and share your love in this world. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow; flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of life.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him"

Bender

TODAY'S FLOWERS were given by Kitty French in loving memory of her parents, Tom & Marie Regan, and by Roger and Donna Jones in loving memory of their parents.

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