

January 21, 2024| Worship Guide

Welcome

Rev. Ann Willet

Centering Music

A Joyous Psalm
Northaven Choir
Eugene Butler

Invitation to Worship *from Psalm 62*

Dawn Grosser

For God alone our souls wait in silence,
for our hope is from God.

**God alone is our rock and our
salvation; we will not be shaken.**

Our God sends deliverance and honor.

Like a mighty rock, God is our refuge.

Trust in God always, for God is power
and grace.

Steadfast love belongs to you, O God.

Community of faith let us praise God
together!

God's name be praised!

Opening Hymn

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Words by Robert Robinson

*Come Thou fount of every blessing tune my
heart to sing Thy grace*

*Streams of mercy never ceasing call for
songs of loudest praise*

*Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by
flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of
God's redeeming love*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer hither by Thy great
help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to
arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering
from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger came to teach
us how to love.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm
constrained to be
Let that goodness like a fetter bind my
wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to
leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it seal it
for Thy courts above*

Children's Lesson

Jen Hanson

Prayer

Rev. Mike House

Our Common Prayer

**Blessed One, Holy is your name. May
your love be enacted in the world.
May your will be done on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread
and forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us. Save us in
the time of trial and deliver us from
evil. For all that we do in your love,
and all that your love brings to birth,**

**and the fullness of love that will be,
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Scripture

Psalm 40:1-11
Rev. Mike House

*Unyielding, I called to you, YHWH,
Now at last you have stooped to me
And answered my cry for help.
You have pulled me out of the Pit of
Destruction,
Out of its mud and quicksand;
You set my feet on a rock
And made my steps firm.
You put a new song in my mouth
A song of praise to you.
Many will look on in wonder
And so will put their trust in you.
Happiness comes to those
Who put their trust in YHWH,
Instead of in human egos
Or people blind to the truth!*

*How many wonders you've worked for us,
YHWH, my God!
How many plans you've made for us;
You have no equal!
I want to recount them again and again,
But their number is too great.
You don't desire sacrifice or obligation,
Instead you made my ears receptive to
you;
You asked no burnt offering*

*Or sacrifice for sins from me.
And so I declared,
“Here I am ! I have come!
In the scroll of the book
It is written about me.”
I desire to do your will, my God,
And your law is written in my heart.
I’ll proclaim your justice
In the Great Assembly,
And I won’t keep my mouth shut,
As you well know.
I have never kept your generosity to
myself,
But I announced your faithfulness and
saving action;
I have made no secret of your love and
faithfulness
In the Great Assembly.*

*For your part, YHWH,
Don’t withhold your love from me!
Let your kindness and faithfulness
Constantly protect me!*

**Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Reclaiming our Testimony
Rev. Ann Willet

Song of Response

Quietly, Peacefully
NEED

Words by Lori True

*Quietly, peacefully let me rest in you.
Quietly, peacefully lead me back to you.*

*In my weakness I have strayed, drifting far
from you.*

*In your goodness steady me, light my path to
you.*

*Quietly, peacefully let me rest in you.
Quietly, peacefully lead me back to you.*

*Breathe your law deep in me, plant it in my
soul.*

*Let your justice be my song, kindness be my
goal.*

*Quietly, peacefully let me rest in you.
Quietly, peacefully lead me back to you.*

*Save me from my selfish ways, keep me from
my pride.*

*By your grace, bring me home, safely by
your side.*

*Quietly, peacefully let me rest in you.
Quietly, peacefully lead me back to you.*

*Loving wisdom, you alone know all I can be.
You, the hope my spirit seeks, come and set
me free.*

*Quietly, peacefully let me rest in you.
Quietly, peacefully lead me back to you.*

Sharing of Our Gifts

Dawn Grosser

Offertory

Grace

Northaven Choir

Hamlin

Affirmation of Faith

Dawn Grosser

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Song

God of All Hopefulness

SLANE

Words by Jan Struther

***God of all hopefulness, God of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can
destroy,***

*Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, God, at the break of
the day.*

*God of all eagerness, God of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the
plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, God, at the noon
of the day.*

*God of all kindliness, God of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to
embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we
pray,
Your love in our hearts, God, at the eve of the
day.*

Benediction

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Song of Reflection

Psalm 40: I Will Proclaim Your Love
and Your Justice

Improvisation—Larry McCain