

The Church Gathered

January 10, 2021

11:00 a.m.

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.
– 2 Corinthians 12:9

Prelude *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* Nancy Muskrat

Welcome to Worshippers Michael Mills

*Give to the winds your fears, hope, and be undismayed;
God hears your sighs and counts your tears, God shall lift up your head.*

Hymn of Adoration *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

**Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.**

**You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

Words by Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.

Reading of God's Word John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Hymn of Epiphany 156 *Shine, Jesus, Shine* SHINE

**LORD, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us; shine on me.
Shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, LORD, and let there be light.**

**LORD, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness;
search me, try me, consume all my darkness; shine on me.
Shine on me.**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story; shine on me.
Shine on me.**

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Pastoral Prayer

Michael Mills

*Far, far above your thought His counsel shall appear,
when fully He the work has wrought that caused your needless fear.*

Hymn of Stewardship 672

All Things Are Yours

GERMANY

**All things are yours: we make that true when we return our gifts to you;
and so we give, and so we share, in Christ's strong name expressing care.**

**"Give out of love" your Word commands; we are your head, your heart, your hands.
Your Word you underscore with deeds by using us to answer needs.**

O what a joy to give, and then out of compassion give again.

You have no needs – though that be true, the gifts we share are given to you.

**All things are yours: we make that true when we return our gifts to you;
and so we give, and so we share, in Christ's strong name expressing care.**

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Offertory Prayer

Alice Curtis

Instrumental Offertory

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Nancy Muskrat

Reading of God's Word

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Richard Harper

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the church of God in Corinth, together with all his holy people throughout Achaia:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the LORD Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the
God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those
in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share*

abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

Hymn of Peace 60

Like a River Glorious

WYE VALLEY

**Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
over all victorious in its bright increase;
perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day;
perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.**

**Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blessed;
finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.**

**Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,
never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.**

**When a joy or trial falleth from above,
traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love,
we may trust him fully all for us to do;
they who trust him wholly find him wholly true.**

Words by Frances R. Havergal, 1874

Message

"Partners in the Pilgrimage"
2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Gerald Marsh

*Leave to His sovereign will to choose and to command:
with wonder filled, you then shall know how wise, how strong His hand.*

Hymn of Assurance

His Promise to Me

MORTON

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Opportunities for Ministry

Michael Mills

Benediction

Postlude

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms / Victory in Jesus

Nancy Muskrat

His Promise to Me

James Rowe, 1917

Henry P. Morton

♩ = 113

1. Dark - ness may o'er - take me and my song for - sake me, But a -
2. Should mis - for - tune meet me, friends may fail to greet me, But if
3. How the thought en - thralls me, that what - e'er be - falls me One will

- lone I nev - er shall be; For the Friend be - side me prom - ised
true to Je - sus I stay He will still up - hold me, let His
al - ways love me the same; Not a tri - al ev - er caus - es

Refrain

He would guide me, And will keep His prom - ise to me.
love en - fold me Ev - ery drea - y mile of the way. He will
Him to sev - er From the ones who hon - or His Name.

keep his prom - ise to me, All the way with me He will go; He has
His prom - ise to me, He will go;

nev - er brok - en a - ny prom - ise spok - en; He will keep His prom - ise, I know.

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