



A YEAR OF WELCOME

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St. Paul's Evangelical Church
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THE CHURCH IN PRAISE

HYMNS FOR MEDITATION

All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Like a River Glorious

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, never foe can follow, never traitor stand.
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

There Is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

PRELUDE

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

arr. Bonam

Gayle Friz, flute, Betsy Stull, piano

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

INVOCATION

HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close binding all mankind.

Join hands then children of the faith, whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father and His Son is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in Him meet south and north
All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.

For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free

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"For freedom, Christ has set us free!" What joy is ours to claim!
No more enslaved, humanity finds life in Jesus' name.
We try, Lord, to be justified through all the works we do.
Yet You adopt us, saying, "Child, it's Christ who makes you new."

We're clothed in Christ and we belong; now no one waits outside.
In Him we find our common song; old ways no more divide.
"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."
He died for us, new life to give and new identity.

Now, Spirit-filled, may we be led from ways that would destroy.
May we, Your people, turn instead to lives of love and joy.
May we find peace that makes us whole and patience everywhere.
God, give us kindness, self-control, and hearts and hands that share.

THE CHURCH IN PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

A Prayer for the Nations

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Pastor: Glorious things are spoken of you, God, the source of all
springs.

People: Our names are known by you and recorded in your book.

Pastor: Your blessing was pronounced on all families through your
servant Abraham,

People: And you have established a home for all of us.

Pastor: We pray, O God, for all the nations of the earth, lands physically separated by geography—peoples divided by language, culture, custom, and color—

People: Yet united as your children.

Pastor: As of old you claimed your people from all lands and nations—from Egypt and Babylon, Philistia and Ethiopia—even so, look with mercy upon your church in this land and in every nation. Guide us in your ways of justice and peace.

All: We call upon you—from every tribe and every nation, in every tongue and language, joining our voices together in song proclaiming, all our springs are in you. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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.

THE CHURCH IN TEACHING

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:4-26

SERMON

Andrew Seley

Friend of Foreigners

THE CHURCH IN TESTIMONY

HYMN OF REFLECTION

Abide with Me

Jamie Stull, vocal, Gayle Friz, flute, Betsy Stull, piano

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMNS OF RESPONSE

Living Waters

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken, rest beside these living waters.

Christ is calling, find refreshing at the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone, rise up in these living waters.

Chorus: There's a river that flows with mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God.
There our hope is secure; do not fear anymore.
Praise the Lord of living waters!

Spirit moving, mercy washing, healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shoreline. Life is in these living waters. **Chorus**

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Love forgiveness, vast and boundless, Christ He is our living waters.

Chorus

Come Thou Fount

Come Thou fount of ev'ry 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 Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God,
He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood,

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

BENEDICTION

The Doxology

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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.

POSTLUDE

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