



Geared Up for Life

WORSHIP SERIES



Schertz
united methodist church

September 26, 2021 | 9:00am
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

** indicates to please stand as able*

Gathering & Greeting

***Introit**

Sweet Sweet Spirit¹

UMH #334

Words & Music by Doris Akers

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.

There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love.

And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt, we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 111

Come, and praise God! In the company of the God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.

Our God is gracious and compassionate;

our God is merciful and forgiving

our God is faithful and trustworthy,

our God is just and good.

So come, let's worship God together.

With all creation, we praise God's name forever!

***Hymn of Praise** Let All Things Now Living²

FWS #2008

Words by Katherine Davis; Tune: THE ASH GROVE (trad. Welsh)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

The law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, give us humble, teachable, obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

Small Talk

Jodi Gutierrez

All children may come forward for a special message.

The Word in Song

Psalms, Hymns,
& Spiritual Songs
by Joseph M. Martin

Leah Krenek, soprano
& Kim Spivey, piano

I will sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, making music in my heart to the Lord! I will give thanks to God for everything, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20, NRSV

15 Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, 16 making the most of the time, because the days are evil. 17 So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 20 giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

The Message

Rev. Robert Clark



*Hymn of Response

Come, Christians
Join to Sing

UMH #158

Hymn by Christian Henry Bateman, Tune: SPANISH HYMN

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia, Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia, Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia, Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia, Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia, Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia, Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia, Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia, Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore: Alleluia, Amen!

A Time of 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 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

***“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you
have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God”
~Hebrews 13:16***

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Offertory

Kim Spivey

Doxology

tune: Old 100th

*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.*

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH #539

Words by Henry H. Tweedy, Tune: FOREST GREEN (trad. English)

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.

Fill it with love & joy & power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts
and sin & sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God, with wisdom blow
until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt
which blind our eyes to thee.

Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal
to preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal

Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear,
till every age & race & clime shall blend their creeds in one
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
So shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness
which makes thy children whole,
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal.

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Benediction Hymn**

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2. Let All Things Now Living

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