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Welcome to Wayzata Community Church where different people come together for the shared purpose of worshipping God and encouraging each other through the inclusive love of Jesus. Whether you are our guest, looking for a church home, or already a member, we want you to feel welcomed by our congregation and inspired by our worship service.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 23, 2020
10:45 a.m. ❖ Sanctuary



WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH
inspire the world

Worship Order

February 23, 2020 ❖ 10:45 a.m.

+ Indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* Dennis Janzer
Kraig Windschitl, organ

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP John Ross

+ OPENING HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Red #407

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 pause along my journey; by thy help thus far I've come;
and I hope, by thy great mercy, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
came to rescue me from danger, gave his body, shed his blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I am called to be!
Let thy 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, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

+ RESPONSIVE PRAYER Andrea Tatley

Leader: With sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, let us pray. Gracious God, open our eyes to the joys and gifts to be learned from all the seasons of life, that we may know your love in each moment. Thank you for children who are curious, unafraid, and infectious joy, who are trusting receivers of Your grace.

All: We thank and praise you, God, for children.

Leader: Thank you for young people who demonstrate courage and hope as they begin new adventures; for their fresh ideas and their passions.

All: We thank and praise you, God, for young people.

Leader: For those in the middle years of life, we give thanks; for steady hands and hearts that guide the young and offer their experience to us all.

All: We thank and praise you, God, for those in the middle years of life.

Leader: For those grown up and grown old through whom we see joy and wisdom and whose stories of life lived can enrich all our lives.

All: We thank and praise you, God, for those who have grown old.

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Leader: Guide our lives, Lord, so that in each stage of life we recognize and cherish the joys and sorrows, the strengths and weaknesses, and the special presence of your Spirit—not only in our own season of life, but in the lives of each other, young or old or in between. AMEN.

+ GLORIA PATRI *Glory be to the Father*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

+ PASSING OF THE PEACE Andrea Tatley

COMMUNITY MOMENTS John Ross

HYMN OF DEVOTION *Spirit of the Living God* Red #281

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *A Hymn of Praise to the Creator* Eric Thiman
Chancel Choir

+ DOXOLOGY
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ PRESENTATION & DEDICATION OF GIFTS Andrea Tatley

Leader: Please remain standing and join voices for the dedication of gifts.

All: O God of all generosity, we pray for grace in our giving. Help us to realize the blessing we have been given, in being able to give. Use our gifts to lighten the hearts of those who need, and to further Your work in the world. AMEN .

SCRIPTURE *Genesis 1:25-31* Andrea Tatley

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Freedom of Choice* John Ross

ANTHEM *Creator, Open Our Hearts* Andrew Birling
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Andrea Tatley

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

Red #54

For the beauty of the Earth, for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies.

(Refrain) Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light. (Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight. (Refrain)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)

For each perfect gift of thine, unto us so freely given,
graces, human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, (Refrain)

+ BENEDICTION

John Ross

Leader: For what does the Lord require of us?

All: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8)

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in F Major
Kraig Windschitl, organ

G. F. Handel

. . .The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service. . .



Today's Chancel Flowers are given in honor and loving memory of Phyllis Foreman
from a grateful congregaton.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher	Rev. Dr. John F. Ross
Liturgist	Rev. Andrea Tatley
Music	Chancel Choir; Chris Foss, guest conductor Kraig Windschitl, Principal Organist
Deacon	Jan Ingwalson
Chancel Guild	Jane Norris
Head Ushers	Jake Beard, Peggy Douglas, Laura Babcock
Ushers	The Laura Babcock Team