Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Song (336)It is Well with My SoulSpafford/Bliss(Quartet: Carol Elmore, Eleanor Brogan, Sara Blaha, Mike Tyler)

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

We will praise the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises to God our whole life long.

Do not put your trust in mortals, in whom there is no help. Blessed are those whose hope is the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, who keeps faith forever, who upholds the cause of the oppressed, and gives food to the hungry.

We will praise the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises to God our whole life long.

The Lord sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord watches over the strangers; and the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

We will praise the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises to God our whole life long.

The Lord will reign forever!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

37 (Instrumental)

Moment for Mission

Response

Song

This Little Light of Mine This little Light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3X) Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture

²⁵At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem in a ministry to the saints; ²⁶for Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to share their resources with the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. ²⁷They were pleased to do this, and indeed they owe it to them; for if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material things. ²⁸So, when I have completed this, and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will set out by way of you to Spain; ²⁹and I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

³⁰I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, ³¹that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, ³²so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.

Message

A true community?

Come, build a church

Returning our pledge cards

Call to Confession

Together we confess that a generous spirit does not always accompany our acts of giving.

Prayer of Confession

God, forgive us. Our efforts to love you with heart, soul, mind, and strength often fall short. Our lack of trust in you hinders our ability to give ourselves completely to you. We stubbornly deny that you know what is best for us. Our mindset of meagerness keeps us from loving our neighbors, and ourselves. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God's love—shown to us through Jesus—is greater than our shortcomings. The blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purifies our conscience from dead works to worship the living God.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Bring your pledge card forward and place it in the basket as a sign of our commitment to Christ and the church.

Romans 15:25-32

Pastoral Prayer, with the Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn

Brethren, we have met to worship

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Benediction

Postlude

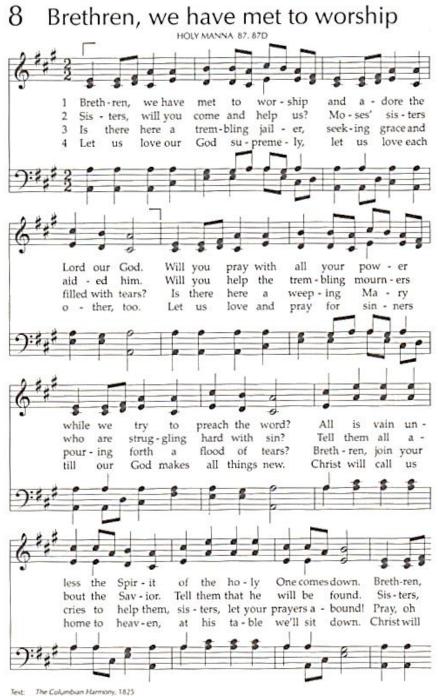
<u>Instrumentalists</u> *Stephen Wills – keyboard Joe Blaha – recorder, arranger Sam Phillips – viola Kathie Robinson – flute Judy Saunders - guitar*



GATHERING



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