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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Op. 33. No. 4.2: Serenade

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Melanie Smith, piano

Greeting

God is Good

All the time

And all the time,

God is Good.

Call to Worship

We gather in this place to worship our God:

Calm Presence in our times of confusion, Comforter in our nights of struggle.

We gather with fellow pilgrims, as we seek to follow Jesus:

Brother to those swamped by fears, Friend to all overwhelmed by loss.

We are brought together by the Spirit who lives in the depths of our souls:

the Serenity who travels with us on this up-and-down journey we call life.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's Name be praised!!!

*Hymn # 23 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

**God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind, and rain;**

We, created, in your image, would a true reflection be

of your justice, grace and mercy and the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.

We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.

When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.

Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.^[SEP]

God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.

Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.

Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.

Thus, new features in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

*Call to Confession -Liturgist

*Confession of Sin- Liturgist and congregation

God of Grace, they can be such giants in our lives. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do.

The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them.

Forgive us. God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***Words of Grace**

With calming words, with a peaceful Spirit, with overflowing love and hope, our God forgives us and fills us with faith.

Our God affirms us for who we are - those whose brokenness is made whole, whose sin is forgiven, whose lives overflow with faith. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Response: Hymn #802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is vss 3 & 6**

**3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.**

**6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Job 38: 1-11

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The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Chat

Rev. Ed Clydesdale

Second Reading: Mark 4: 34-41

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Sermon

“Navigating Life’s Storms”

Rev. Ed Clydesdale

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn “God, Who Made Each Great Wide Ocean”**

Tune: Ebenezer 8.7.8.7D

**God, who made each great wide ocean and who moved o'er restless seas,
By your word you set in motion mighty storm and gentle breeze.
Wind and Spirit show your glory, seas and waves your strength declare;
Ships and boats point to the story of your wondrous love and care.**

Noah, hearing storms were coming, gathered kin and creatures in;
On the ark the rains were drumming while the floods destroyed all sin.
Moses on the Nile was floating in a basket safe and sound;
Pharaoh's daughter took that boat in — took that baby to dry ground.

Jesus in a boat was preaching on a lake called Galilee;
Later, Christ — with hand out-reaching — called to Peter in the sea.
Frightened by a storm they called him, "Master, will you let us drown?"
In that boat there, Jesus awed them; he said "Peace!" The winds calmed down.

When the storms of life are blowing and your church knows doubt and fear,
Lord, may we find peace in knowing you command a safe ship here.
May we hoist the sails, relying on your Spirit, steady, true.
See! This ship is almost flying! May we place our trust in you.

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Presentation

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

Renunciations

Affirmation of Faith -Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ordination and Prayer

Welcome

Charge

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. (a sign of peace is exchanged.)

Prayers of the People

Offering

Musical Offering - "Jazz in Gilead" Balm in Gilead (spiritual) Arr. James E. Clementine
Melanie Smith, piano

***Praise God** (Hymn #608)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

* Prayer of Dedication

SENDING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Sending the Church into Mission

Commissioning of Mission Trip Participants

Rev. Harry Tysen

The Mission of Prospect Church

To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.

*Hymn # 853 We Are Marching in the Light of God vss. 1 & 2

1 We are marching in the light of God...

2 We are dancing in the light of God...

*Benediction and Congregational Response

Go now into a world beset by storms of worries and fears.

**Let us go to the far side of despair,
bringing God's hope to all huddled on that shore.**

Go now into all the places where people are afraid.

**Let us set out from the shore of our comfortable lives,
bringing the good news of Jesus' grace to all.**

Go now to the distant shores torn apart by violence and oppression.

**Let us set out with the Spirit as our guide,
crying out to all, "Peace! Be still, wars and terrors!"**

Hymn #853 We Are Marching in the Light of God vss. 3 & 4

3. We are praying in the light of God

4, We are singing in the light of God

Postlude

Kinderszenen Op. 15 5. "Perfect Happiness"

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by Charles Schumann