

GATHERING WITH JOY

Prelude “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
arr. Manz

Welcome

Call to worship: Psalm 147:1-11

Choral introit

“Psalm 147: Sing to God, with Joy” Bell

***Opening song “Shout to the Lord”**

(Ushers available for seating)

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days, I want to praise,
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.
Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have,
Nothing compares to the promise I have,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

***God's greeting and greeting each other**

***Hymn #169**

“I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord”

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

Reading: Our World Belongs to God #13

Hymn #446:1

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

If you but trust in God to guide you
And place your confidence in him,
You'll find him always there beside you
To give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love
Build on the rock that will not move.

Reading: Our World Belongs to God #5

Hymn #446:2

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

Only be still and wait his pleasure
In cheerful hope with heart content.
He fills your needs to fullest measure
With what discerning love has sent.
Doubt not our inmost wants are known
To him who chose us for his own.

Reading: Our World Belongs to God #56

Our hope for a new earth is not tied to what humans can do, for we believe that one day every challenge to God's rule and every resistance to his will shall be crushed. Then his kingdom shall come fully, and our Lord shall rule forever.

Hymn #446:3

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,
Offer your service faithfully,
And trust his word; though undeserving,
You'll find his promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need
The soul that trusts in him indeed.

Pastoral Blessing

Children Pre-K – 2nd grade may be escorted to Children in Worship

Morning prayer

Scripture reading: Matthew 5:1-6

Anthem “Blest Are They” David Haas

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Matthew 5:5; 6:25-34 (page 1013)

Message: Blessed Are the Meek

RESPONDING IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***Hymn #489:1,2,4**

“When Peace Like a River”

Mission report: Joel and Alison Renkema

Our gifts to the Lord: Ministries of Brookside and Debt Reduction

Offertory

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

arr. Cherwien

***God's blessing**

***Closing song #170:1-3**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Postlude “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

arr. Young

* - stand, if you are able

Preaching: Pastor Brian Ochsner

Organist: Bev Becksvort

Pianists: Annette Cooke, Mary Douma

Ministry of Music: Senior Choir, Brass Ensemble

Reader: Anamarie Joesse

The congregation is encouraged to attend the Townhall Meeting regarding the 2007 budget today at 10:30am or 11:35am in the Discipleship Center.