



Church of the Hills

“Give to God the things that are God’s”

Exodus 33:12-23

Matthew 22:15-22

Pastor Richard Aylor

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We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Prelude

Sheresa Wilbanks

Opening Chant

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”

Purple Hymnal 698

"Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me."

Welcome

Pastor Richard Aylor

Moment for Mission

Stewardship

Kelly Selva

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

People: Tell of God's saving power from day to day.

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

People: Tremble before God, all the earth.

****Opening Hymn**

“Brethren, We Have Met To Worship”

Purple Hymnal 396

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses’ sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.
Sister, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound!
Pray, O pray, that holy manna will be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we’ll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

****Invitation to Confession**

David Molden

Leader: God does not regard us with partiality, but with the grace of Christ Jesus deals with each of us according to our need.

People: With gratitude for this amazing grace, let us confess our sin.

****Prayer of Confession**

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!

People: Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Leader: Thanks be to God! The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

****Response to Forgiveness “Will You Come and Follow Me” Purple Hymnal 726 (v. 1, 2)**

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: Holy One, true and living God, through the message of the gospel and the power of your Spirit make us imitators of the Lord: Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

¹² Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ ¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴ He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵ And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

¹⁷ The LORD said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸ Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” ¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD,’ and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live.” ²¹ And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

Ministry of Music

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Choir

New Testament Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Sermon

“Give to God the things that are God’s”

****Response to Sermon**

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Purple Hymnal 840

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

(Refrain)

**It is well, it is well with my soul; with my soul;
it is well; it is well with my soul.**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

(Refrain)

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Refrain)

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.

(Refrain)

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Purple Hymnal 606

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.

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

****Closing Hymn**

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

Purple Hymnal 839

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a
foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation,
purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Refrain)

**This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior
all the day long; this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of
rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending,
bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my
Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting,
looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Refrain)

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude

Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (aside from staff lunch hours). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.

Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.

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*Hymnals are indicated for those that may have them at home.

Blue - "The Presbyterian Hymnal"
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