

Worshiping Together

Wednesday Morning



Chapel hearing loop

on main floor (not in the outer ring)



Hand tools available

on ledge by sound booth

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

This is the day the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O Lord, open our lips,

and our mouths shall declare your praise.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Psalms of Praise

"The Lord Is My Light"

Lift Up Your Hearts, 431

Psalm 27

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Lift Up Your Hearts, 329

Introduction to Matthew 13

Matthew 13:1–23

The Parable of the Sower

Prayer for the World

Sing "Take, O Take Me As I Am"

Lift Up Your Hearts, 741

God of grace and glory,

we praise you for your handiwork in shaping and sustaining your wondrous creation.

We praise you for your light that illumines our path.

We especially thank you for...

God of grace and glory,

we pray for others, God our Savior,

claiming your love in Jesus Christ for the whole world

and committing ourselves to care for those around us in his name.

We especially pray for . . .

God of grace and glory,

we pray for the seeds that are planted and will be planted—

may they grow so that your glory may radiate forth

and your gospel may be proclaimed.

Take us as we are, O Lord, and use us for your glory. **Amen.**

Sing "Take, O Take Me As I Am"

Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations,

“The LORD has done great things for them.”

The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Blessing

May God go before you to lead you;
may God go behind you to guard you;
may God go beneath you to support you;
may God go beside you to befriend you.

Do not be afraid.

Let the blessing of God come upon you today.

Do not be afraid.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Sending Song

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Lift Up Your Hearts, 926

Passing of the Peace

Participants: María Cornou and Bill Johnston, liturgists; Matthew Davis, Norma de Waal Malefyt, Janina Jones, Emmett Price,
and Kimberly Thevenin, music; Joy-Elizabeth Lawrence and the Scripture Arts Team