

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN CHRIST

PRELUDE *Near to the Heart of God* Arr. Brantley

+CALL TO WORSHIP

What does the Lord require of you?

**To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

What does God command of us?

**To love God with all our heart, and all our soul,
and all our mind, and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.

Let us worship the God who believes in us,
and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

[Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, First Church Congregational,
Rochester, NH. <http://sermonizing.wordpress.com>]

+OPENING HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* # 117

KIDS TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Bell Choir
 Arr. Michael Helman

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD AND RESPOND IN FAITH

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

PSALTER

Psalms 90: 1-6, 13-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust and say,
"Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

Turn, O Lord! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us
and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants
and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands –
O prosper the work of our hands!

SECOND LESSON

I Thessalonians 2: 1-8

+ GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22: 34-46

+ACCLAMATION	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	# 70
SERMON		
+HYMN	<i>Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service</i>	# 581
+CREED	<i>A Modern Affirmation</i>	#885
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		# 895
SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES		
Announcements & Stewardship Moment		
Offertory	<i>I Surrender All</i>	arr. Brantley
+Doxology		#94
WE GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD & NEIGHBOR		
+CLOSING HYMN	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	# 557
+BENEDICTION		
+POSTLUDE	<i>Unclouded Day</i>	arr. Brantley

Service of the Word

22nd Sunday after Pentecost



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