Sunday Worship Music

February 4, 2024

Introit

We Come as Guests Invited

text by Dudley Smith, 1973 music by Johann Steurlein, 1575

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine, his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine; the bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need, and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed; with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end, we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.

Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above text by Johann Schultz, 1675 music from a Bohemian hymn book

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth; by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth. Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing, an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing, as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises, that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part: to God all praise and glory! Anthem

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Lyle Bagley, cornet)

Kathleen Thomerson arr. Mark Hayes

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.

(Refrain) In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God, I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

Offertory

My Savior's Love (Lyle Bagley, cornet)

arr. Molly Ijames

Hymn 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions text and music by Julian Rush, 1979 music by Robert Schumann, 1839

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways, who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

(Refrain) God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair, who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? (Refrain)

As we stand, a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes, grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. (Refrain)

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. (Refrain)

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. (Refrain)