

The Season of Proper

Sunday, August 31, 2025

“Deep Well – Renew”

The Land Acknowledgement

Introit **All Who Are Thirsty** (More Voices 4)

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All who are thirsty,
all who are weak,
come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy
as deep cries out to deep.
We sing:
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Welcoming and Announcements

Centring Music

Deep River: a Traditional American Spiritual arranged by
Mark Hayes.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We come to receive and hear God’s word in scripture.

We are here to praise our Creator and give our thanks.

We come to raise our spirits to the heavens in song.

We gather here as one community to worship together.

May the Holy Spirit empower us, transform us and
renew us.

Opening Hymn **And on This Path** (More Voices 8)

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- 1 And on this path,
 the gates of holiness are open wide,
 and on this path,
 the gates of holiness are open wide,
 and on this path,
 the gates of holiness are open wide!
 Open wide! Open wide! Open wide
 The gates are open wide!

- 2 So enter in
 the gates of holiness are open wide,
 so enter in
 the gates of holiness are open wide,
 so enter in
 the gates of holiness are open wide!
 Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
 The gates are open wide!

Opening Prayer

Loving God, all seasons are a season to draw near to you. Every moment of our lives, easy or hard, restful or busy, each is a moment ready for you. So make us ready, more ready to notice you, to experience you, to turn to you and to welcome your presence. Renew us with your Spirit and make us yours in action and intention. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 51: 10-15 (Ron Childs)
Romans 12: 1-8

Reflection "Renewing Faith"

Hymn of the Day **Open My Eyes, That I May See**
(Voices United 371)

Words: Clara H. Scott 1895; Music: Clara H. Scott 1895

- 1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

- 3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

The Holy Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Liturgy

Sanctus et Benedictus (sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Liturgy

Memorial Acclamation

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Liturgy

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

The body of Christ,
the bread of life.
The lifeblood of Christ,
the cup of blessing.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Meal

Prayer After Communion

**Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.
We are fed by your love;
we are strengthened by your life.
We are sent forth into this world to live into the
visions God has laid on our hearts.
We are now commissioned to:
feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been
forgiven, love as we have been loved.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

O God, we offer our very selves and the fruit of our labours. Bless us and our gifts for your purpose in the world, transforming others as we are also transformed. Our offering will now be received.

Choral Response **We Give You But Your Own**
(Voices United 542)

*Words: William Walsham How, 1858, alt.
Music: Johann Balthasar Konig, 1738; adapt. William Henry Havergal, 184
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We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.

Offering Prayer

Loving God, we lift these gifts of our hands and hearts to the glory that is in you. We offer our gifts of talents, time and treasure that each of us bring to this community of faith. Receive these gifts, given freely for the greater good of the world. In your Son's name we pray. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **May the God of Hope Go with Us**
(Voices United 424)

Words: v. 1 Alvin Schutmaat 1984; Words: v. 2 Fred Kaan

Music: Argentine folk melody

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- 1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain: Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

- 2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. *Refrain*

Sending Forth

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation “, based on ‘Aurelia’ by
Samuel S. Wesley, arranged by John Purifoy.

Worship Leader – Beth Parsons
Music Leadership – Sharon Prindle-Collins
Greeters – Willa Burke and Joanne Thomas
Welcoming – Atholl Malcolm
Opening Prayer – Beth Parson
Lighting of the Christ Candle – Spirit Kids
Scripture Reader – Ron Childs
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Alan Priestley
Technical Support – Louise Johnston & Sam Boehner
Fellowship Time – Caring Ministry
Chime Solo – Margaret Chambers
Communion Servers – Ron & Grace Childs
Karen & Bill Samis
Atholl Malcolm
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