

**Prelude** 

Partita "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

Georg Boehm

Call to Worship Wes Avram

#### **Opening Hymn**

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

Refrain:

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord! Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! (*Refrain*)

3 Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission magnify the Crucified! (*Refrain*)

**Call to Confession** 

O Christ, Surround Me Small Group

### **Common Confession and Assurance** (unison)

Lord, hear; Lord, forgive; Lord, do.

Hear what we speak not; forgive what we speak amiss; do what we leave undone; that not according to our words, or our deeds, but according to your mercy and truth, all may work for your glory, and the good of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ.

Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (silence)

# \* Congregational Response

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Refrain: ALL Leaders:

Halle, hallelujah! O God, to whom shall we go?
Halle, halle, hallelujah! You alone have the words of life.
Halle, hallelujah! Let your words be our prayer
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! and the song we sing:

hallelujah, hallelujah! (Refrain)

\* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hillary Mackowski

Wes Avram

Children's Message

Hillary Mackowski & Katie Rosenson

Blessing of the Word

Michael Hegeman

Scripture Reading Romans 8:18-39 Michael Hegeman

Anthem Esto Les Digo Kinley Lange

Small Group

Esto les digo,
si dos de ustedes se ponen,
se ponen de acuerdo aquí en,
en la tierra para pedir,
pedir algo en oración,
mi padre que está en el cielo,
se lo dará.
Porque donde dos o tres se
reúnen en mi nombre,
allí estoy yo,
en medio de ellos.

This I say to you,
if two of you are put,
are put in accord here in,
in the earth to ask,
to ask anything in prayer,
my Father which is in heaven,
will give it to you.
Because where two or three are
gathered in my name,
there am I,
in the midst of them.

Sermon Thinking Faith-fully 2: About Yardsticks Wes Avram

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Katie Rosenson

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.

Offertory

Musical Offering Toccata Giambattista Martini

Josh Haake, trumpet • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

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\* Doxology (unison, *Old Hundredth*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

\* Closing Hymn

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (*Refrain*)

2 Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, and if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend. (*Refrain*) \* The Charge Wes Avram

\* Sending Music

Toccata in D-major BWV 532 Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ J.S. Bach

Weekly Message Wes Avram

\* Please rise, lift your head, lift your arms, or lift your spirit.

Today's Common Confession comes from Maria Ware, 1798

# **Scripture**

### Romans 8:18-37

# **Future Glory**

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in[a] hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes[b] for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes[c] with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God,[d] who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit[e] intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.[f]

28 We know that all things work together for good[g] for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.[h] 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

#### God's Love in Christ Jesus

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.[i] 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.