

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Music Sunday, a time of thanksgiving and rededication with Eastminster's Chancel Choir, orchestra, Jubilee Worship Band and guest musicians.

Call for Photos Today After 9 am Worship: If you 1) joined in the last 25 years, 2) have been a member 26 years or more, 3) have been a member 50 years or more, 4) were baptized at EPC, and/or 5) were married at EPC, we want to capture your photo as part of our 75th Anniversary celebration. Meet in the Courtyard after the 9 am service for the group photos; if it is raining, meet in the Sanctuary.

Sundays@5 Journey Through the Bible with Dr. Douglass Key: Continues tonight, May 7, and May 21, which is the final class. Please note, there will be no class on Mother's Day, May 14.

Tonight is the last Youth Group before Summer Break: Look for texts from Pastor Nick Demuyneck about tonight's events for Middle and High School Youth.

Prayer Shawl volunteers meet on the first and third Wednesdays: Meet in room 265 (CLC) on Wednesday, May 3, to knit and pray for EPC shut-ins.

The Lightly Seasoned Spring Social is this Thursday: Join Eastminster friends for fellowship and refreshments at the Oliver's house. Whether you are an empty nester, or just want to reconnect with Eastminster friends, visit <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/lightly-seasoned-spring-social/>.

Prayer Cards are available on the first Sunday of each month: Pick one up at one of the Welcome Centers, or visit Care Ministry online to download the pdf. To add a member to the Prayer List, please contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminsterpres.org).

May 7 is Service Commitment Sunday: This is a day not only to honor volunteers with light refreshments in the Courtyard during the Sunday School Hour (10 am - 11 am), but also the kick-off to Time and Talent. Time and Talent questionnaires are available <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/time-talent-kick-off/>. Please fill out a questionnaire by Wednesday, May 31, indicating ministries you would like to explore, and someone from the ministries you select will be in touch with you.

May 7 is also Children's Emphasis Sunday: an annual celebration of Eastminster's Children's Ministry. Elements of worship and music have been selected in thankfulness to God for the many blessings we receive as a body of Christ through our children. Our 3s and 4s will be singing at the 9 am and 11:15 am Sanctuary services.

Work for the Drop-In Nursery this Summer: Care for children (12 weeks to 4 years) Tuesday-Thursday from 8:45 am until 12 pm. For consideration, please send your resume to Croskeys Royall (croyall@eastminsterpres.org).

Register and Volunteer for VBS: This year's theme is Food Truck Party. VBS is June 26-29 from 9 am - noon and is an exciting week filled with Bible stories, crafts, music, and, of course, food trucks! Volunteers are needed, so please register your child and/or sign up to volunteer by visiting <https://eastminsterpres.org/events/vbs-2023/>.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2023: Are you interested in traveling to the Holy Land this Fall? Trip dates are Oct. 30 - Nov. 9, and there is still room! To sign up, contact Julie McDaniel (jmcdaniel@eastminsterpres.org).

Upcoming Care Support Groups: Today at 5 pm in Room 351, there will be a cancer support meeting for those who have or had cancer. On Mother's Day (May 14) at 5 pm in Room 351, there will be a Griefshare gathering for those who have lost their mother or for those mothers who have lost children.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in memory of Marthann and Herman Singletary and Marjorie and Joe Vanzant by Sharon and Pete Vanzant. **Flowers in the narthex** are given in honor of Fredna Lee for her devotion and service to Eastminster.

DEACONS: CARMEN ATKINS, PARKS BUNCH, ANN CAMERON AND AMY TEAS
HEAD USHER: RUSS PURDY (9:00 AM) THOMAS RHODES (11:15 AM)
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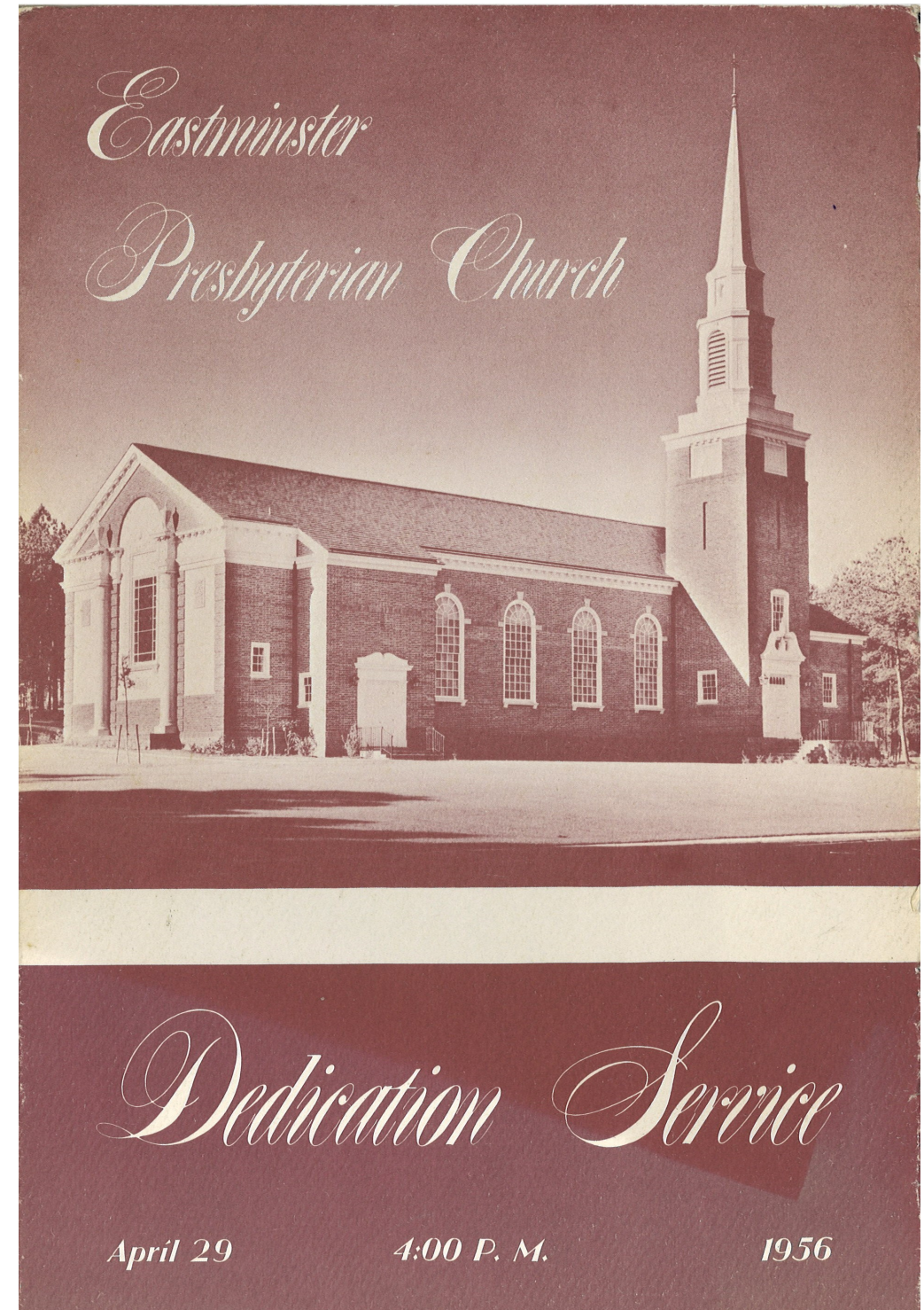
**MINISTERS—ALL OF US!
 STAFF**

Dr. Bradley D. Smith, Pastor

Dr. Douglass D. Key, Senior Associate Pastor	Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck, Associate Pastor	Rev. W. Croskeys Royall, Associate Pastor
Dr. Carol J. Byrd, Parish Associate	Dr J. Ben Sloan, Interim Parish Associate	Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry
Katie Herndon, EDS Director	Bill Collins, Business Manager	Joshua Evanovich, Organist
Anna Mills Cox, Sr. Communications Officer	Blythe Lewis, Communications Director	Christy Rippy, Treasurer
Emily Higgins, Interim Dir. Middle School Youth	Caroline Bennett, Small Groups & Librarian	Emmet Hough, Christian Life Center Director



**EASTMINSTER
 PRESBYTERIAN**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2023

9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

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Welcome to Eastminster Presbyterian Church!

In Christ's name, we welcome you to Eastminster. We hope that you will feel the love and peace of Christ as you worship with us. Please take this time to silence the world and focus your heart and mind on worshipping our Living God.

“So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory.” Romans 15:7.

All Eastminster worship services and activities are mask optional, with masks available at the Welcome Center if you'd like one.

PRELUDE

Fanfare

Nina Sandberg, Violin
(this piece was written for Easter 2020)

Joshua Evanovich

Choral Introit

Let the People Praise Thee O God

William Mathias

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: And God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us. That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Psalm 67

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 92:1-2; 95:1-2)

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouths will proclaim our praise.

Leader: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,

People: To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

†*HYMN OF ADORATION

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(interlude)

**2. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,**

O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift Each of you has received.” 1 Peter 4:10

Responding to God's grace, it is Eastminster members who conduct and carry out the majority of Christ's ministry in this community and beyond. However, the church family employ some people who help enable, equip and encourage our members in the faith. Grateful for the significant impact of our ministers, they are listed below.

Senior Ministers

T. Robert Fulton, Jr. 1948—1956

Lynn Temple Jones 1956—1964

William Bethea Ward 1965—Sept. 1972

Paul Thornton Eckel 1973—1976

Ernest Trice Thompson Jr 1977— 1986

Joe Bryan Donaho 1988—2000

Robert Heppenstall III- 2002-2007

Bradley Donald Smith (Parish Associate 2002—2007)
2009-present

Mark Durrett 2003—2006; 2012—2019

Jud Jordan 2005—2007

Kevin Cartee 2004—2008

Amos Disasa (Dir. of Missions 2006—2007) 2007-
2010

Jeff Smith (Pastoral Associate 2010—2011) 2011—
2014

John Wagner 2010—2014

Lynn Grandsire 2011—2022

Brian Marsh 2016—2023

Douglass Key 2019—current

Nick Demuynck 2020—current

Croskeys Royall (Dir. Children's Ministry 2005—2021)
2021—current

Associate Pastors

William Alexander McCutchen 1966—1970

George Harper 1971—1977

Harry Phillips 1976—1977

Pete Brown 1977—1984

Ed McLeod 1985—1989

Kyle Allen 1985—1990

Ellen Skidmore 1990—1995 (Parish Associate
1995—1999)

Eric Skidmore- 1990—1997

John Frye 1993—2002

Jason Whitener (Summer Intern 1995) 1998—2003

Christy Gravely 1999—Nov. 2007

Parish Associates

Paul F. Warren 1978—1983

Arthur Martin 1979—1982

Bill Boyd 1984 –2005

Alice Odell 2007—2010

Jim St. John 2010—2018

Carol Byrd 2019—2020, 2022—current

Ben Sloan 2022—current

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! Psalm 98:4

Music has always been a vital part of the worship services at Eastminster. As a community, we give thanks to God for the musicians who have enriched our worship the past 75 years. Specifically, we give thanks for the following members and guest musicians who are contributing their talents to our worship today:

Jubilee Band: Chris Johnson, Jeff Goodwyn, Frank Robinson and Chuck Stiles

Orchestra: Greg Apple, Cierra Asmond, Jung Bennett, Jaden Bowers, Katie Brook, Emma Brown, Miguel Calleja, Heidi Carey, Alexandra Castro, Ziqing Guan, Kristen Harris, Courtney Korn, Maria Ortiz-Laboy, Preston Lee, Daniel Murray, Emily Napper, Nyamka Odsuren, Nina Sandberg, Karen Thompson, Celeste Wiest

Guest Organist: Louis Shirer (EPC Organist, 1993-2009)

We also give thanks for the many members, students, and volunteers who have led or sung with our choir. Notable for their length of leadership are

- L. Gregory Pearce, Organist 1950—1977, Choir Director 1950—1975
- Dr. Donald Gray, Choir Director 1977—2007
- Fredna Lee, Director of Music Ministry 2008—current

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND. **CHILDREN MAY BRING THEIR OFFERING AT THIS TIME.

†THOSE WAITING IN THE NARTHEX MAY NOW BE SEATED

THE FLOOR LEVEL OF THE SANCTUARY HAS A HEARING LOOP FOR HEARING AID USERS

Choral Response

Sign Me Up

arr. Brandon Boyd
Sign me up for the Christian Jubilee; write my name on the, on the roll. I've been changed since the Lord has lifted me. I wanna be, yes, I got to be born again. Roll, Jordan, roll. Roll, Jordan, roll. I wanna go to heaven when I die to hear of Jordan roll. I got a home in glory; I gotta tell my story, how he brought it over, how I made it over. I'm goin' to glory; gonna shout my trouble's over. Hallelujah! I've been changed since the Lord has lifted me. I wanna be, yes, I got to be born again.

A Concert Gospel

WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND REDEDICATION

Dr. Smith

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

In Christ Alone

Getty/Townend

- In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.**
- In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.**
- There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**
- No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata

John Weaver



***A TIME FOR GREETING AND FELLOWSHIP**

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this Lord's Day with us, and we hope that in a real and meaningful way you will sense God's presence, power, and purpose among us. If you would like for us to connect with you, please leave your contact information in the Friendship Pad when it is passed.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Contact the church office at 803-256-1654 to learn more and find out about our next First Step class, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our ongoing ministries.

May 7, 2023

Dr. Bradley D. Smith
Children's Emphasis Sunday

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Heidelberg Catechism (Question 1)

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

The 3K—5K children may be excused.

Choral Response (Congregation, please be seated.)

Let All Men Praise the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

Let all men praise the Lord, In worship lowly bending, On His most holy word; Redeem'd from woe depending, He gracious is and just, From childhood us doth lead, On Him we place our trust, and hope in time of need. Glory and praise to God, the Father, Son, be given, and to the Holy Ghost, on high enthroned in Heaven. Praise to the three-one God With pow'rful arm and strong, He changeth night to day Praise Him with grateful song.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Carol J. Byrd (9:00 am)
Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan (11:15 am)

Following each petition the congregation responds:

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 23

I. Largo (Antonin Dvorak)

II. Grazioso

III. Maestoso

J. Evanovich
(9:00 am)
(9:00 am)
(11:15 am)

Congregational Responsive Reading in Song # 639

O Sing a New Song Psalm 96

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuyneck

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.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. Joshua Evanovich

Women: **Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou has been Thou for ever wilt be.**

Men: **Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

Refrain (All): **Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

All: **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!** (to refrain)

SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

If you or someone you know is in need of special prayer today or if you would like to speak personally with a pastor about making a first-time commitment to Christ or growing in the Christian faith and discipleship, a pastor is on hand to speak with you following the worship service today by the pulpit in the front of the Sanctuary.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord We Bring Our Gift of Music

Glenn L. Rudolph

When the morning stars together Their Creator's glory sang, And the angel host all shouted 'Till with joy the heavens rang, Then your wisdom and Your greatness Their exultant music told, All the beauty and the splendor Which Your mighty works unfold. Lord, we bring our gift of music; Touch our lips and fire our hearts, Teach our minds and train our senses, Fit us for these sacred arts. Then with skill and consecration We would serve you, Lord, and give All our pow'rs to glorify You, And in serving fully live. When in synagogue and temple Voices raised the psalmists' songs, offering the adoration Which alone to You belongs. When the singers and the cymbals With the trumpet made accord, Glory filled the house of worship, And all knew your presence, Lord. Voice and instruments in union through the ages spoke Your praise, Plainsong, tuneful hymns, and anthems Told Your faithful, gracious ways. Choir and orchestra and organ Each a sacred off'ring brought, While, inspired by Your own Spirit, Poet and composer wrought.

Alfred F. Bayly

OFFICER'S PRAYER

Lib Foster

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

Leader: What shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us?

**People: We will offer to the Lord the sacrifices of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.
Praise the Lord!**

Sung Congregational Response:

BEACH SPRING

*Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe;
worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
and repeat the gospel story 'til all souls his name have heard.*

Leader: Gracious God, for revealing yourself to us as one who created all things, ... who loves us as your children through Jesus Christ our Lord,

People: We give you our heartfelt thanks.

Leader: Jesus Christ our Savior, because you were willing to come to earth in the likeness of humanity, to take the form of a servant; ...

and every tongue confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father;

People: We humbly bow before you in praise and adoration.

Leader: Holy Spirit, for dwelling within us and calling us to God by the gospel, ...

For pointing the way of discipleship to each of us,

People: We acknowledge your presence and power among us.

Sung Congregational Response:

LAND OF REST

*Come, Holy Ghost, the Savior's love shed in our hearts abroad;
so shall we ever live and move and be with Christ in God.*

Leader: Jesus said: Whoever serves me must follow me; ...

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

People: We hear your call to discipleship. Master, teach us the way we should go.

Leader: Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear much fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

People: Now the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Leader: Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Sung Congregational Response:

IN BABILONE

*Lord, as you have lived for others, so may we for others live;
freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea,
but we stewards of your bounty sharing all by your decree.*

People: We confess, Lord, that as your disciples we have often dishonored the holy name we bear. We ask your forgiveness for the times when we have failed to labor for your kingdom; when we have not followed your admonition to see first the kingdom of God; when we have hidden our light from the world; when we, as the salt of the earth, have lost our strength. Have mercy on us, and restore unto us the joy of faithful discipleship. Amen.

Leader: The Lord your Redeemer, has said: With everlasting love, I will have compassion on you. Therefore serve the Lord with gladness; witness to his goodness and mercy; and preach Jesus Christ as Lord, with yourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

JUBILEE SONG OF DEDICATION

Never Gonna Stop Singing

Vaughan/Jackson/Smith

You called out into darkness. You reached down to save us.

You conquered the grave, You crossed the divide. Lost in our sin You made us alive.
How can we ever hold it inside? We can't hold back; we're gonna lift You

Higher, higher, Hearts burning bright like a fire fire. Voices unite make it louder louder
We're never gonna stop singing, Oo we're never gonna stop singing

Set free, No longer bound in chains. You rescued me and called me by name

Every tribe every tongue, every heart will sing. Every knee we will bow to the risen King!
Lift Him up lift Him up! We're never gonna stop singing

Congregational Reading: Revelation 21: 1-4

Dr. Sloan (9:00 am)

Dr. Byrd (11:15 am)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."