

June 12, 2022

ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU,  
SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND

The Prelude

*Fanfare on Agincourt Hymn*

arr. C. Callahan

The Call to Worship

The Song of Praise

*Father Long Before Creation*

Father, long before creation Thou hast chosen us in love, and that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above. Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same; His compassion and His covenant through all ages will remain. God's own children, God's own children must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day; mercy free and never failing moves my will, directs my way. God so loved us, God so loved us that His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee we will ever praise Thy love, and our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above, *giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb!* (repeat)

Words by Francis Johnson, music by Andrew Osenga ©2005 The Velvet Eagle Sings CCLI 600485

The Invocation

Rev. Dean Williams

The Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism #178, 180, 184

Leader: What is prayer?

*Leader and People: Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.*

Leader: What is it to pray in the name of Christ?

*Leader and People: To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to his command, and in confidence on his promises, to ask mercy for his sake; not by bare mentioning of his name, but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and his mediation.*

Leader: How are we to pray?

*Leader and People: We are to pray with an awful apprehension of the majesty of God, and deep sense of our own unworthiness, necessities, and sins; with penitent, thankful, and enlarged hearts; with understanding, faith, sincerity, fervency, love, and perseverance, waiting upon him, with humble submission to his will.*

The Hymn No. 51

*O Jehovah, Hear My Words (Psalm 5)*

O Jehovah, hear my words, to my thoughts attentive be; hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to thee With the morning light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice arise, and expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou, Jehovah, art a God who delightest not in sin; evil shall not dwell with thee, nor thy proud thy favor win. Evil-doers thou dost hate, lying tongues thou wilt defeat; God abhors the man who loves violence and base deceit

In the fulness of thy grace to thy house I will repair; bowing toward thy holy place, in thy fear to worship there. Lead me in thy righteousness, let my foes assail in vain; lest my feet be turned aside, make thy way before me plain.

False and faithless are my foes, in their mouth not truth is found; deadly are the words they speak, all their thoughts with sin abound. Bring, O God, their plans to naught, hold them guilty in thy sight, for against thee and thy law they have set themselves to fight.

O let all that trust thy care ever glad and joyful be; let them joy who love thy name, safely guarded, Lord, by thee. For a blessing from thy store to the righteous thou wilt yield; thou wilt compass him about with favor as a shield.

*The Psalter, 1912, music by Joseph Parry, 1879*

The Scripture Reading

**Luke 18:1-14**

The Offertory

***This Is My Father's World***

arr. K. Bonner Schultz

*Children ages 2-4 may come forward for the Children's Message. Afterward, those in the 2-3-year-old classes are dismissed to Church Time in the Nursery.*

The Children's Message

Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

The Hymn of Approach No. 629

***What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness- take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge- take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

*Joseph Scriven, 1855, Charles Converse, 1868*

The Intercessory Prayer

Mr. Newell Simrall

The Scripture Reading

**I Kings 18:41-46**

The Sermon

Rev. Cangelosi

*The Running Prophet*

The Hymn of Response No. 628

*Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare*

Come, my soul, thy suit prepare: Jesus loves to answer prayer; he himself has bid thee pray, therefore will not say thee nay; therefore will not say thee nay.

Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring; for his grace and pow'r are such, none can ever ask too much; none can ever ask too much.

With my burden I begin: "Lord, remove this load of sin; let thy blood, for sinners spilt, set my conscience free from guilt; set my conscience free from guilt.

"Lord, I come to thee for rest, take possession of my breast; there thy blood-bought right maintain, and without a rival reign; and without a rival reign.

"While I am a pilgrim here, let thy love my spirit cheer; as my Guide, my Guard, my Friend, lead me to my journey's end; lead me to my journey's end.

"Show me what I have to do, ev'ry hour my strength renew: let me live a life of faith, let me die thy people's death; let me die thy people's death."

John Newton, 1779, Henri A. César Malon, 1827

The Benediction

Rev. Cangelosi

The Postlude

*Rise Up, O Saints of God*

arr. M. Burkhardt