

March 13, 2022 Worship Outline

Gathering Music - *Leslie Frank*

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Open your hearts to God's love today.

P: In the midst of winter darkness, we seek the brightness of God's love.

L: Don't be afraid. God is with you.

P: With the Lord's help, we can overcome the darkness.

L: The Lord is your light and your salvation.

P: Even though everything around us is disturbing, yet God's love is constant.

Thanks be to God.

*Opening Songs – Gather Us In – TFWS 2236

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

Unison Prayer

Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern what you would have us do, that others may be healed. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Time with the Children

Announcements

Prayers

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

First Reading - Psalm 27

*Middle Hymn: Children of the Heavenly Father – UMH 141

Children of the Heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given

God His own doth tend and nourish
In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them
In His mighty arms He bears them

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever
Unto them His grace He showeth
And their sorrows all He knoweth

Though He giveth or He taketh
God His children ne'er forsaketh
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

Second Reading – Luke 13: 31-35

Special Music – "When Jesus Wept" words and music by William Billings

Chancel Choir, a capella

Sermon – *The House of the Lord*

*Closing Hymn – We Sing to You, O God (TFWS 2001)

We sing to You O God
The Rock who gave us birth
Let our rejoicing sing Your name
In all the earth
To You O God let songs be raised
In joyful hymns our feast of praise

We wandered far from home
Out in a desert land
You shielded with Your love
Our fearful pilgrim band
You kept us safe within
Your arms and sheltered us
Against the storm

You bear us through the world
An eagle to her young
Who rises on her wings and
Bears us toward the sun
We ride the vaults of light
And air and trust in Your unfailing care

O God eternal God
We hide within Your wings
The everlasting arms to whom
Our praises ring
Your Word is true
Your way is just
You are the God in whom we trust

Benediction

Postlude