

The Worship of God

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020

We Gather in God's Presence

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

The light symbolizes the presence of God in our worship and in our lives.

Presenting the Cross

The cross symbolizes the grace of God given freely to all people

Greeting

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hayes

As you gather for worship in whatever space you find yourself, center your heart and spirit on God's presence in your life.

Prayer for a New School Year

Mrs. Patti Robinette, Mr. Jimmy Williams, Mrs. Judy Mobley,
Mr. James Turner, Mrs. Heather Turner, Mrs. Mary Freeman,
and Mrs. Liz Bridges

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Duet

arr. by Mark Hayes

Somebody's Praying

*Somebody's praying, I can feel it. Somebody's praying for me
Mighty hands are guiding me to protect what I can't see
Lord I believe, Lord I believe; somebody's praying, for me*

*Angels are watching, I can feel it. Angels are watching over me
There's many miles 'til I get home, still I'm safely kept before your throne
Lord I believe, Lord I believe; Yes, I believe, angels are watching over me*

*Well, I've walked through barren wilderness when my pillow was a stone
And I've been through the darkest caverns where no light had ever shown*

*Still there was someone, who was down on their knees
And Lord, I thank you for those people, praying all this time for me*

Dan Cox and Suzanne Ringer, duet

We Hear God's Word

Scripture

Rev. Dr. Hayes

Acts 20:7-11

On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a discussion with them; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we meeting. A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. But Paul went down, and bending over him took him in his arms, and said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left.

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God



We Grow from God's Word and Pray

Prayers of the People

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Sermon

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We Respond to God's Word

Song of Response 195

REGENT SQUARE

Easter People, Raise Your Voice

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.

Christ has brought us heaven's choicest; heavenly music, let it ring:

"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.

For our Risen Lord empowers us to triumph over every foe.

Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.

Even when life overwhelms us, Easter people, sing this song:

"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Everlasting triumph song.

We Worship through Giving

We encourage you to continue giving tithes and offerings so that bills and ministries are supported. You may do this through our website (oaklandchurch.com), the Breeze app, texting "Give" to (803)599-3738, and using automatic drafts.

If you need assistance with any of these methods, please contact the church office.

We Are Sent Forth to Share with Others

Service and Fellowship of the Church

Benediction

Mrs. Kim Shaw

Postlude

