



"For He Had Great Possessions" by George Frederick Watts, 1817–1904



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
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FEBRUARY 18, 2024
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
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11:00 A.M.

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The gospel is about conversion from a trust elsewhere to trust in God, about a leap of faith that makes us care about, and share everything with, others. Christianity can be a journey through purification, illumination, and union....How can we jump and be unified with God right here, right now?

—Cláudio Carvalhaes

Gathering Music

“Above All”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Prelude in C Minor”

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* Call to Worship

Hannes Combest

Leader: Come, with your gifts and your needs,

People: to take a place in beloved community.

Leader: Come, with your accomplishments and your failures,

People: to be real with each other and to learn interdependence.

Leader: Come, with your plans and your questions,

People: empowered by Jesus to let go, to make space, to see God's kingdom here.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 357, vs. 1-4)

“O Praise the Gracious Power”

MARION

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.

* Responding in Peace (CONGR 357, vs. 5-6)

“O Praise the Gracious Power”

MARION

Children's Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Psalm Reading

Hannes Combest

Psalm 19.7-10

Call to Prayer (CONGR 546)

“Give Me Jesus”

GIVE ME JESUS

** In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

Unison Discipline of Confession

Loving God, you offer us life in your kingdom. But your invitation asks much of us, and honestly we're not sure. We've spent so long believing we have to look out for ourselves. We've learned to always be the ones who help, and never the ones who need help. We've filled our homes and our lives with everything we could ever need, and grown proud of our self-sufficiency. You say it is impossible to enter your kingdom while carrying all of this, and you ask us to leave all that behind to live your way. We confess our sadness at the thought...and we ask for your forgiveness and help.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Siblings in Christ, God is always near to help us, if we only ask. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

"Lamb of God"

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

ABC-USA United Mission

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Mark 10.17-27

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

"The Object of Our Trust"

* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 497)

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
ASSAM

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Christ, Thou Art My Life"

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Hannes Combest

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Brandon Gillette, Brenda Schenkel • Sound: Marylee Southard

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Jenny Purvis

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Saint Nicholas Orthodox Christian Church

*American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Jacqueline Saxon, serving churches
in the Mid-American Region (Iowa & Minnesota)*

International Ministries Global Servants: Corenne & Philip Smith, global servants in Brazil.

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