

Hymn and Order of Worship – May 24, 2020

Organ Prelude: “Let There be Peace on Earth” Don Shelley, organist

Welcome: Pastor Jeff Blevins

Apostles’ Creed in unison:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, our Lord,
 Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.
 He descended in hell;
 The third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven
 and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
 From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 And life everlasting. Amen!

Lord’s Prayer in unison

Hymn: “I am His and He is mine” [W Robinson, J Mountain. Public Domain.]

Loved with everlasting love, led by grace that love to know –
Spirit, breathing from above, Thou has taught me it is so!
O this full and perfect peace, O this transport all divine –
In a love which cannot cease, I am His and He is mine.
In a love which cannot cease, I am His and He is mine.

Things that once were wild alarms cannot now disturb my rest;
Closed in everlasting arms, pillowed on the loving breast!
O to lie forever here, doubt and care and self resign,
While He whispers in my ear – I am His and He is mine;
While He whispers in my ear – I am His and He is mine.

His forever, only His – who the Lord and me shall part?
Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the loving heart!
Heaven and earth may fade and flee, first-born light in gloom decline
But while God and I shall be, I am His and He is mine;
But while God and I shall be, I am His and He is mine.
He is mine.

Responsive Reading: Genesis 2.4-9; 15-25

Genesis 2:5-9

When the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,⁵ neither wild plants nor grains were growing on the earth. For the Lord God had not yet sent rain to water the earth, and there were no people to cultivate the soil.

⁶ Instead, springs came up from the ground and watered all the land. ⁷ Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.

⁸ Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made. ⁹ The Lord God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:15-25

¹⁵ The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. ¹⁶ But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— ¹⁷ except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." ¹⁹ So the Lord God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. ²⁰ He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him.

²¹ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. ²² Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

²³ "At last!" the man exclaimed.

"This one is bone from my bone,
and flesh from my flesh!

She will be called 'woman,'

because she was taken from 'man.'"

²⁴ This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. ²⁵ Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

Response: "Gloria Patri"

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!

Message "How is God Involved in Our Lives?" (Genesis 2)
– Pastor Jeff Blevins

Hymn: "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" [Julia Ward Howe. Public Domain]

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword –
His truth is marching on.

Chorus: Glory! Glory Hallelujah! Glory, Glory Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory Hallelujah! His Truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on.

Chorus: Glory! Glory Hallelujah! Glory, Glory Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory Hallelujah! His Truth is marching on.

Special prayer needs – a moment of silence, then prayer led by Pastor Blevins

Closing thoughts and prayer – Pastor Blevins

Benediction (singing together)