



SWEDENBORGIAN CHURCH

of SAN FRANCISCO

Promoting Spiritual Growth through the Arts, Theology, Fellowship, and Service

COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE

August 1, 2021

(Note: * means "Stand as you are able")

Prelude

Andante für eine Walze in eine kleine Orgel

BY W. A. MOZART

***Greetings**

Announcements

***Hymn:** INSERT - "*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*"

***Opening of the Word**

***Responsive Invocation:**

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

*I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.*

I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

*Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.*

I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.

*The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.*

Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

*I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.*

***Invitation to Prayer:**

O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

(Please be seated)

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.*

O Lord, our heavenly Creator, whose great love holds a forgiveness for all who desire and seek it: we thank thee for thy gracious assurance that thou art always near and ready to forgive. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness and truth, and bring us into everlasting life; for thy mercy's sake. Amen.

The 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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

O Lord, open thou our lips:
And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

(All stand)

*Praise ye the Lord!
The Lord's name be praised!

***The Sanctus**

*Holy, holy, holy; Lord God of hosts:
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory. Amen.*

First Scripture Reading: *Matthew 21:12-17*

Solo

Symbole des Apôtres

BY J. GUY ROPARTZ

Celeste Winant, soloist

Second Scripture Reading: *1Kings 8:28-30*

Spiritual Message

Who is a true Christian?

Rev. Junchol Lee

Silent Meditation

Prayer of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of Communion

The minister shall consecrate the elements of the Communion. It is our custom to all partake together of each element at the leading of the minister. The Lord's table is open to all who desire to partake.

Concluding Communion Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, by whose mercy we have been fed with heavenly gifts: Abide with us, O Lord, and fill us with your peace. Direct us in our way; uphold our going in our paths. Give us grace so to keep your commandments henceforth, that we may abide in your love forever. Amen.

***Hymn:** INSERT -
"The King of love my shepherd is"

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Oraison dominicale

BY J. GUY ROPARTZ

***Doxology**

*Praise God the Source of life and birth
Praise God the Word who came to earth
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame
All glory, honor to God's name. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** INSERT - *"Our God, our help in ages past"*

***Benediction**

***Closing of the Word**

Sung Response: *Nunc Dimittis

(Luke 2:29-32)

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
depart in peace,
According to thy word:
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared
before the face of all people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles,
And the glory of thy people Israel. Amen.*

Postlude

Finale

BY EUGÈNE GIGOUT



We invite you to sign our guest book and to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the parish house after the service. Please turn off your cell phone, and may we suggest that you take infants or toddlers to our childcare before the worship service begins, or if they become vocal or active during the service. Thank you.



READINGS

Matthew 21:12-17

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making it a den of robbers.'

The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?' He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

1Kings 8:28-30

Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

From The Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg: True Christianity #118

First I need to say what redemption is. To redeem means to free the captive and the bound from damnation, to rescue them from everlasting death, to snatch them from hell, and to carry them away from the hand of the Devil. The Lord did this by gaining control over the hells and establishing a new heaven. Otherwise we could not have been saved, because the spiritual world is so closely connected to the earthly world that they are inseparable. The main connection between the two worlds is through our inner levels — our souls and our minds. For good people, that connection is with the souls and minds of angels; for evil people it is with the souls and minds of hellish spirits. We are so united to the angels or the hellish spirits that if they were taken away from us we would fall down as dead as a piece of wood. Neither could the angels or the hellish spirits continue to exist if we were taken away from them. This makes it clear why redemption was brought about in the spiritual world and why heaven and hell had to be restructured before a church could be established on earth. This sequence is clear in the Book of Revelation: after the new heaven was made, the New Jerusalem, which is the new church, came down from that heaven (Revelation 21:1, 2).

Sunday Helpers Needed!

As we return to in-person services, we are in need of volunteers to assist with regular Sunday duties including ushering, lighting candles, setting up the live stream, serving as liturgist, and with coffee hour set up.

Questions or to join, please contact Laurie Carlson at carlsonlaurie59@gmail.com



Dole 3 Miler Foot Race

Saturday, Aug. 14th - Virtual and local participation

The Annual Dole 3 Miler is a celebration and memory of George Dole's accomplishments as an elite runner in 1954. If you'd like to participate in a local walk/run, please contact Jennifer Lindsay at aggie1988@gmail.com.

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,

hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way; giv-
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash-ing sea, chant
Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Bro-ther: all who live in love are thine; teach

- er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
- ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
us how to love each o-ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

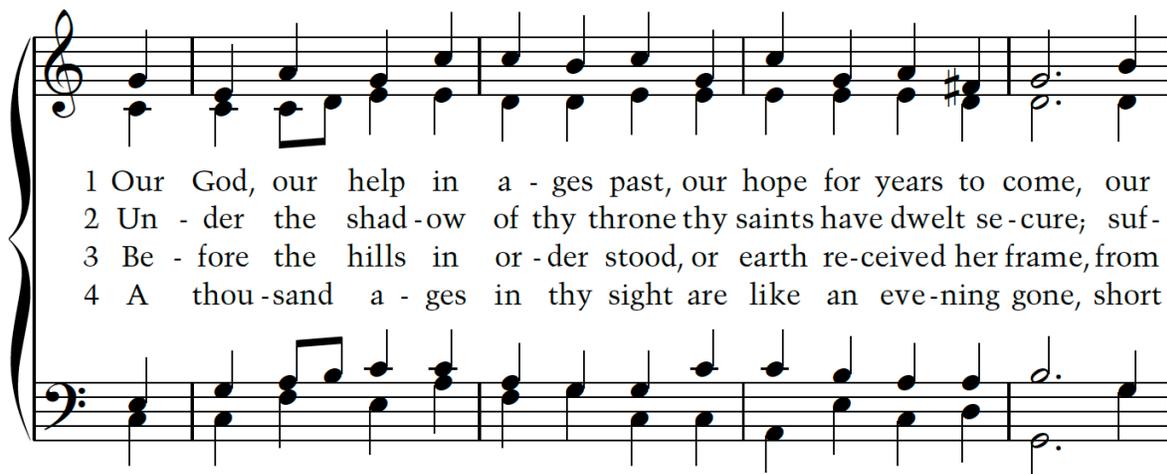
fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me: thy rod and staff my

I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gen - tly laid, and home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

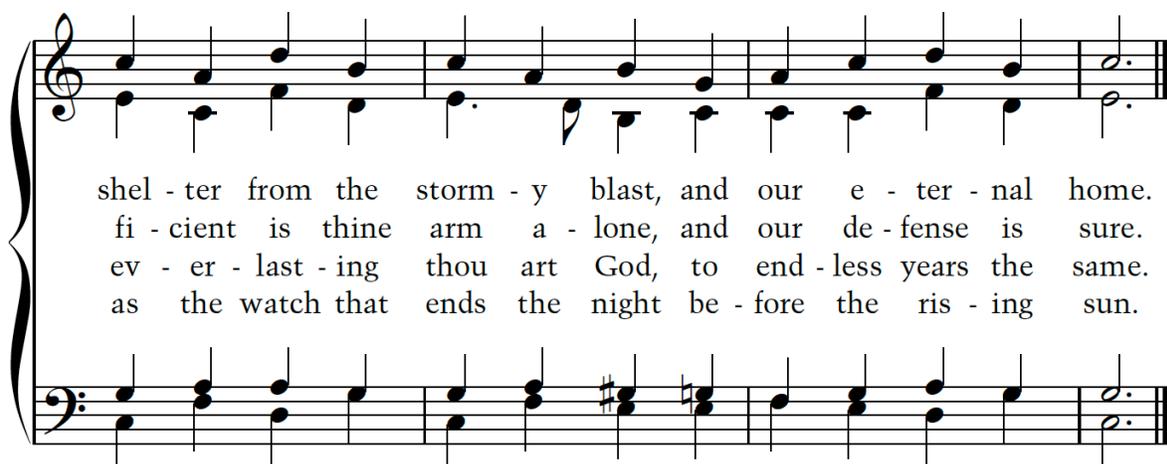
5 Thou spreads't a table in my sight,
thy unction grace bestoweth,
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Our God, Our Help In Ages Past



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, our
2 Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure; suf -
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame, from
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone, short



shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.